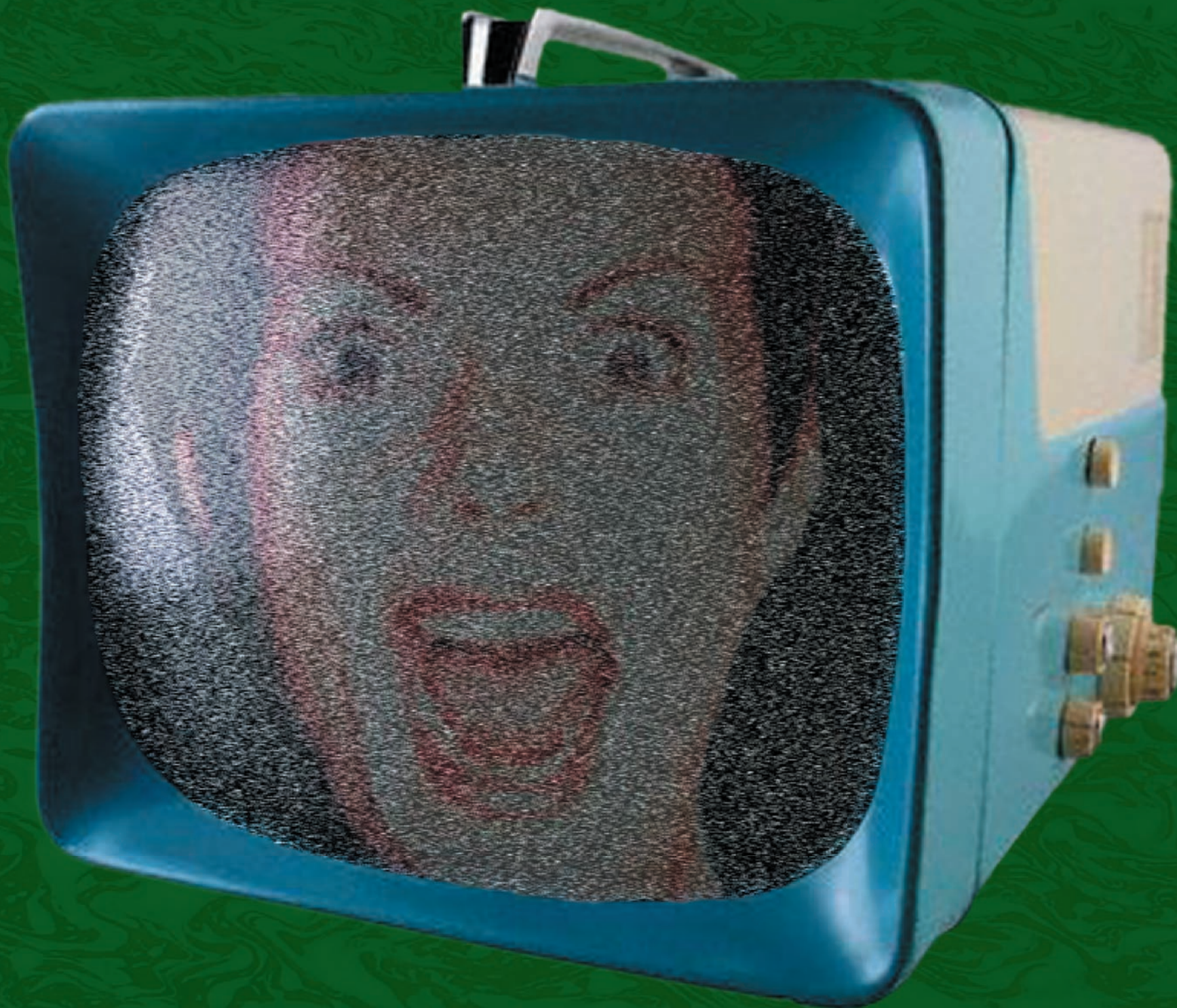


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Max Thompson

I was stirred in my sleep some nights ago. Deep in my dark playground of a mind, a dream played itself out. I was lost in my home, searching left and right for a memorable object or friend to guide me, when a spider jumped onto my arm. If memory serves me well, it was *Jumanji*-like in color, but not in size. Instantly terrified I jumped up in bed, brushing my arms furiously. Nothing there, just a trick my mind played on me at the cruelest of times. Needless to say, I didn't sleep well through the morning. My fears had followed me into my own dream world. I've realized that my heightened alert to those things that threaten me could be a product of my everyday surroundings.

It's a scary world out there. The news is saturated with graphic images and over-hyped stories to keep us in our place and on our toes. Terrorists pervade our safe little corner of the world, natural disasters

are wiping out homes and the families in them, and some sparrow will cross the Atlantic and give us all the bird flu, we'll die shortly after. On top of this hysteria, school will end sooner or later for all of us, and we'll have to march into the "real world" on our own for once. What better time to talk about the things that scare us than Halloween. Hopefully, it will give

you something to be thankful for as we roll into the holidays.

So with fears, apprehensions, and suspicions swarming around us like crows to carrion, TheTalon Network is firing the proverbial shotgun and clearing the air. Questions may flood our heads

each day. What's there to be scared of? Is everyone scared, or is it just me? How do I get pee stains out of my pants? Did Ashlee Simpson really just make another cd? What can I do to save myself the stress? Perhaps you'll read The Talon and sleep a little better this evening, or maybe we're only fueling the fire. We'd be remiss if we didn't try to ease the tension.



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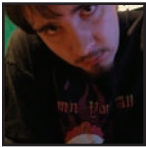
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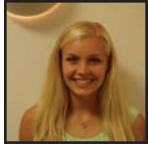
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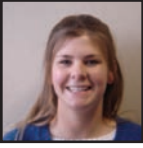
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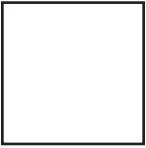
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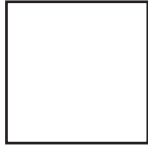
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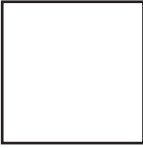
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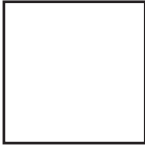
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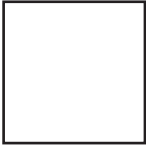
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# President Urges Energy Conservation

Reginald King

Lately President Bush has been taking a lot of heat for making decisions that many Americans do not agree with. For instance, sending people into space, a large undertaking that costs billions of dollars, dollars that could help rebuild New Orleans. There also is one positive step that the President has taken with the public - his nationwide plan to conserve energy. The government has stated that it is now ready to tap into the Strategic Petroleum Reserve to lighten the blow or alleviate any new problems that might occur caused by Hurricane Rita's assault on the center of the nation's energy industry.

Bush also warned all Americans to become aware of the effect on energy supplies and also urged drivers that they can conserve fuel whenever they can if they are able to avoid driving. The effect that Hurricane Rita had was not as devastating to the economy as planned, mainly because we were so hurt by Hurricane Katrina that the nation was already prepared to deal with Rita.

It is also important that we know and understand all the risks we are taking by using our Strategic Petroleum Reserve. It will help alleviate any shortcoming in crude oil that could affect our consumers, but won't be available if another crisis emerges. President Bush said, "The storms have shown how fragile the balance is between supply and demand in America. People need to recognize that the storm has caused disruption."

"To this day we are not sure yet of the full extent of damage that the hurricanes have caused," Bush said. He had a meeting in Beaumont, Texas, and was to get an aerial tour of the Texas - Louisiana border, then later meet with Louisiana officials in Lake Charles at a later date.

Consumers need not expect gasoline prices to go down anytime soon. There were jumps in gasoline prices from \$2.80, almost to four cents more in just one day. With winter just around the corner, crude oil prices are certainly on the rise because demand goes up with cold weather. Prepare for cold temperatures and cold receptions at gas stations across the nation.

# University Of Alabama Student Dies: Vivian Malone Jones

(AP) More than 500 mourners gave Vivian Malone Jones one last standing ovation at her funeral Wednesday, honoring the quiet courage of a civil rights icon who was the first black student to graduate from the University of Alabama.

"Her life made a difference in the freedoms that we enjoy in America today," Atlanta Mayor Shirley Franklin said at the service, which focused on the day in 1963 when Jones and James Hood faced off with then-Alabama Gov. George Wallace, who made his stand in the "schoolhouse door" in an attempt to prevent their enrollment.

Hood recalled that day in his remarks at the funeral, saying that when he told Jones he was scared, she gave him a note that read, "Whatever adversaries these days, our Father, help us face them with courage."

Jones, who went on to a long career with the U.S. Justice Department in Washington and for the Environmental Protection Agency in Atlanta, died Oct. 13 after suffering a stroke. She was 63.

A native of Mobile, Ala., Jones was enrolled at historically black Alabama A&M University when she transferred to the University of Alabama in 1963. The move led Wallace to stand at the steps of the university in defiance of an order to

admit black students. Jones and Hood, accompanied by then-Deputy U.S. Attorney General Nicholas Katzenbach, enrolled after Wallace finished his statement.

"Opening the University of Alabama to African-Americans did take courage and determination," Katzenbach said at the funeral. "It also took courage to stick it out for two years to graduation."

The Rev. Joseph Lowery, a longtime civil rights leader who worked alongside the Rev. Martin Luther King Jr., said the then 20-year-old Jones was a "gentle lamb" in front of a "growling lion."

Glenda Hatchett, a former chief judge on the Fulton County Juvenile Court who has a syndicated television court show, linked Jones' role as civil rights leader to her Christian beliefs.

"George Wallace didn't know what he was up against because Vivian was on the other side with God," Hatchett said.

The funeral was held in the Martin Luther King Jr. Chapel on the Morehouse College campus. About 20 Morehouse students gathered around as the casket was placed on a horse-drawn hearse.

"It shows you that one person's life can make a difference," 19-year-old sophomore Derrick Johnson said. "You had to stop in some sort of reverence for her."

Jones is survived by a son, daughter and grandson. Her husband died last year.

## Editor's Note:

Civil Rights and America takes pause... Over the past few weeks America has lost some key leaders in the Civil Rights Movement. August Wilson, noted playwright; Vivian Malone-Jones, who challenged George Wallace and integrated the University of Alabama; and now Rosa Parks who stood up by sitting down. The Talon plans a special tribute in the next issue.



### Corrections:

In the October Issue, the article entitled "Music Department is Changing Tune" was credited to Rebecca Stolberg but was actually written by Brittany Strelluf.

## Is Florida Turning into the Wild West?

Caitlyn Stephenson  
Contributing Writer

Florida has passed a new gun law called "stand your ground" that took effect on October 1. The new law expands an existing statute that allows residents to use deadly force inside the home by removing the duty on the part of citizens to retreat in the face of an attack as long as they are in a place they have a legal right to be, including a public street or their place of business. The law also gives immunity from criminal or civil charges to a shooter as long as the person shot is not a police officer. Basically if a resident feels threatened outside their home, they no longer have to retreat inside. They can now defend themselves anywhere using deadly force. The bill that was signed in Tallahassee by Governor Jeb Bush expands other gun owner-friendly laws already in place in Florida, such as the right to carry concealed weapons. Florida also has an active loophole to background checks when buyers purchase firearms at gun shows.

The "stand your ground" law has received mixed reviews. Florida hosts more than one million visitors on any given day,

according to Visit Florida, prompting many to feel that the new law puts tourists at risk. Groups working for strict gun laws, such as the Brady Campaign, have been informing tourists of the new law by passing out flyers to visitors as they arrive at airports and running ad campaigns. The National Rifle Association has been on a campaign to pass laws like the one passed in Florida, arguing that such laws make states safer and give everyone the opportunity to protect themselves.

Many of the groups that are against the law have tried to paint the picture that with the law there will be a plethora of residents running rampant through the streets shooting anyone walking their way. However, a similar law in Texas that has been in effect for many years has not led to increased street violence. At the same time states that have stricter gun laws tend to have less crime. Texas and Tennessee, with similar gun laws to Florida, ranked as the 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> most dangerous states, respectively, in 2004. No doubt both sides of the issue will be waiting to see what happens to the crime rate in Florida over the next few years.



## Kansas City Murders

(AP) KANSAS CITY, With Kansas City homicides nearing 100 and running far ahead of last year's pace, Jackson County prosecutor Mike Sanders has announced a five-point program that includes "warrant wolf packs" to seek out and arrest violent fugitives.

Sanders' program also would use billboards and radio and television spots featuring the slogan, "The silence is killing us," to encourage more witnesses to cooperate with police, he told the editorial board of The Kansas City Star.

"This stuff will work," said Sanders, who announced his plan four days after the City Council established a commission to study the cause of the increased homicide numbers. As of early Wednesday, 99 homicides had been recorded this year, compared with 91 for all of 2004. If the pace continues, the total could reach 120 by the end of the year.

City Councilman Alvin Brooks, who proposed the commission study, said Sanders' plan would complement the council effort.

"We can't wait," he said. "We've had two homicides since the resolution was passed."

Sheriff Tom Phillips said that what Sanders described as "warrant wolf packs" would involve sending 20 sheriff's deputies and police officers on 24-hour sweeps twice a month, looking for the 50 most-dangerous people among the nearly 6,000 fugitives in Jackson County.

The fugitive apprehension unit in the sheriff's department doesn't have enough people to do that, but police officers from other jurisdictions in the country have agreed to help. Phillips said he hoped to pair about 10 of his deputies with police from Kansas City, Independence, Raytown, Grandview and Sugar Creek.

Phillips said the focus will be on violent people who are career criminals, who once arrested are more likely to either stay in jail or be sent to prison, rather than getting a quick release from custody.

The sheriff said he believes that once word of the regular sweeps gets out, the

criminals will be less active and some will leave the area.

Rachel Whipple, Kansas City's deputy police chief, saw merit in going after fugitives.

"Right now they try to triage and take the most violent ones first," she said. "But it's hard to predict when someone might turn violent. ...The more people with warrants we can get off the street, the better."

The public service commercials, some featuring the mothers of murdered children, will try to persuade more people to talk to police when they have information about crimes. Sanders said he was shocked when a man recently told his son, who had been shot at, that he did the right thing by not telling police who the shooter was. Some youths even wear T-shirts with the message, "Don't snitch."

Sanders said he expects private donations to pay for the public relations campaign. He also said he, his more than 70 prosecutors and others will go door-to-door to get out the message.

"We want to knock on more than 50,000 doors before the end of the year," the prosecutor said.

Sanders estimates that about 80 percent of violent crimes and murders are linked to drugs, and he wants to use about \$50,000 from the anti-drug sales tax to either pay overtime for detectives or hire retired detectives to help.

The prosecutor also is proposing that the Jackson County Drug Task Force put more effort into fighting street-level narcotics and less in going after national or international drug-trafficking cases.

Sanders also said he wants to end the policy under which the county jail must release prisoners once the capacity of 800 is reached, a requirement approved years ago by a federal judge. Sanders said his office might be able to file a motion to either remove the cap or at least raise the jail capacity to 850.

Beyond that, Sanders said the county and its cities should consider sharing costs for a minimum security jail where drug offenders could get both treatment and GED schooling.

## Scandal in the House

Caitlin Stephenson  
Staff Writer

House Majority Leader Tom DeLay (R-Texas) has been charged by a Texas grand jury for money laundering, which comes a week after his indictment on conspiracy charges stemming from a campaign finance investigation. Because of these charges, DeLay has had to step down as House Majority Leader and the Republican Party has started to feel the heat from this scandal along with the CIA leak case and federal failures concerning hurricane Katrina. Along with DeLay, two of his political associates, John D. Colyandro and James W. Ellis, were indicted. The three men are accused of agreeing to violate campaign finance laws by sending corporate donations given to the political action committee, Texans for a Republican Majority, to the national Republican Party. In turn the GOP is alleged to have distributed the same amount of funds to Republican legislative candidates in Texas.

In Texas it is illegal for corporations to donate directly to candidates. DeLay helped to start the PAC Texans for a Republican Majority but has insisted that he has no part in the day-to-day dealings of the group. The donations that Republicans in Texas received helped them capture the majority of seats in the Texas legislature and redraw congressional districts, which had largely been opposed by Texas Democrats.

Although this story has received some media attention, it has not prompted large-scale public outrage. These accusations along with investigations by the ethics committee into DeLay's fundraising have made the Republican Party focus on damage control for most of September and all of October. The recent onslaught of natural disasters that have taken headlines recently and poor execution by the prosecutor Ronnie Earl have allowed the DeLay indictment to take a back seat. From the beginning Earl has tripped—the first indictment was almost thrown out because the second indictment of money laundering was not presented at the same time. DeLay's attorneys have indicted Earl in response to his subpoenaing DeLay and family phone records. The battle between Earl and DeLay's attorneys has only just begun. Proving that finance laws have been violated will not be as much of a challenge as proving that DeLay knew about the violations.

Whether or not DeLay can bounce back from the scandal is not the question. The question is whether or not the Republican Party can recover. Bush's approval ratings have continued to drop, and the scandal of another one of his top party leaders breaking laws does little to get him back on track.

## Bird Flu Cooped Up in Asia

(AP) LONDON Bird flu can be expected to spread to other countries, but the biggest threat of it mutating into a human virus that could kill millions remains in Asia, the World Health Organization said Monday.

The U.N.'s flu czar, meanwhile, called for resources to be focused on the continent that has seen its flocks devastated by the virus and 60 people killed since 2003.

Local authorities moved quickly to stamp out the disease where it was found in Romania and Turkey in recent days, but in Asia the virus has become widespread and the continued mixing of people and domestic fowl creates conditions more favorable for its mutation into a strain that could catastrophically affect humans.

"There's no question that we will expect further outbreaks of avian disease in different countries," said Dr. Michael Ryan, director of the Department of Epidemic and Pandemic Alert and Response at the WHO. "The Americas, Africa and the Middle East are also very much in our minds."

The comments came as Greece reported preliminary tests found bird flu in a turkey and had narrowed down the virus to the H5 type. However, further tests are needed to

confirm the finding and determine whether the virus is the deadly H5N1 strain from Asia that experts are tracking.

The strain was confirmed in Turkey on Thursday and in Romania on Saturday. It also has been detected in Russia. The spread is being blamed on wild birds migrating from Asia to Africa.

Health experts are trying to eliminate poultry outbreaks of the H5N1 bird flu strain for fear it could mutate into a human virus capable of killing millions of people. The more virus there is, the more opportunities there are for it to mutate.


"These introductions in Europe do represent a worrying development ... The pandemic risk is increased by the very extension of the bird disease," Ryan said. "This just adds more complexity to what is already a serious issue."

Experts believe a human flu pandemic derived from a bird virus is inevitable, but it is unknown whether the deadly H5N1 strain now spreading from Asia to Europe will be the culprit.

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# Millions March Again

(AP) Americans frustrated by the slow response to victims of Hurricane Katrina should channel their energy to changing their communities, Jesse Jackson told thousands gathered Saturday for the 10th anniversary of the Million Man March.

"We need millions more to act and react to what we saw in the gulf," the civil rights leader said. "Images were burned into our consciousness."

In 1995, the march called on black men to take responsibility for improving their families and communities. Women, whites and other minorities had not been invited back then, but all were welcome to the Millions More Movement, which intends to build on those principles and push people to build a movement for change locally and nationally.

Dozens of speakers — academics, activists and media pundits — took the microphone at the National Mall for a few minutes each. A speaker from a black gay group, added to the roster at the last minute, also spoke.

Organizers did not speculate on the size of the crowd, which was mostly black, and police would not offer an estimate. The Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority said subway ridership by noon was 152,000. On the day of the march 10 years ago, ridership reached just over 804,000.

Participants said they were inspired by the gathering. Rapper Ryk-A-Shay, 24, joined relatives from North Carolina for the drive to Washington. "Any time we as a people can come together it's a beautiful thing," she said.

Danny Bakewell, publisher of the Los Angeles Sentinel, a black newspaper, said the gathering was "a glaring symbol of the possibilities that are in front of black people."



"This is not the end, it's a beginning."

Bakewell added: "Of course we think today about Katrina. If New Orleans doesn't do right by black people there, we must paralyze that city. We have to do honor to people who built that city."

Some speakers paid tribute to victims of the hurricanes in prayers and pledges of support, and many participants said the storm helped inspire them to come.

Katrina "brought the issues to the surface to some who were asleep," said Jason 2X, a Nation of Islam member who attended the march with several family members from Chicago.

The Rev. Al Sharpton, a former

Nation of Islam leader Louis Farrakhan, who organized the march, has repeatedly speculated that a bomb may have destroyed the protective levees, helping to flood some black neighborhoods in New Orleans following Katrina.

When asked Thursday on the C-SPAN program "Washington Today" about studies showing the levees failed because of poor construction and design, Farrakhan said, "What this shows is neglect on the part of the federal government because those levees were weak."

Jackson, the president of the Rainbow/PUSH Coalition, told the crowd Saturday that "a barge in the canal hit the levee and the waters came rushing in," but he did not elaborate on whether he believed this may have been deliberate.

Despite anti-gay statements by Farrakhan and other march organizers, Cleo Manago of Black Men's Exchange, which calls itself a group for black men of "diverse sexual/intimate expression," briefly addressed the crowd.

Benjamin Chavis, a march organizer, said gay participants attended and "are welcome here today."

After the gathering, some experts will be invited to craft public policy guidelines and collaborate on a book tentatively titled "The Black Agenda," which will serve as a "roadmap for black Americans to address the problems in their communities," said Linda Boyd, a march spokeswoman.

# Earthquakes Wreak Havoc

(AP) MUZAFFARABAD, Pakistan Pakistani and U.S. military helicopters delivered aid at a brisk pace to the earthquake-stricken region of Kashmir on Tuesday. Relief workers rushed to set up field hospitals to treat thousands of stranded, injured people who have yet to receive any care. The U.N. World Food Program said hundreds of villages have yet to receive aid.

Choppers landed under sunny skies in Muzaffarabad, the capital of Pakistan's portion of the divided Kashmir region, bringing tents and other supplies. Heavy rains on Sunday grounded many relief flights.

Authorities warned that exposure and infections could drive the death toll up from 54,000 as the harsh Himalayan winter loomed. Landslides caused by the 7.6-magnitude earthquake on Oct. 8 cut off many roads, and they could take weeks to clear.

Maj. Farooq Nasir, an army spokesman, said smaller helicopters would take relief goods brought by big choppers to forward bases in the Neelum and Jhelum valleys on to remote mountain villages.

The United Nations said more than 80 helicopters were flying, and that the world body was planning to send up to 150,000 tents for the homeless, in addition to about 30,000 already distributed.

It said field hospitals with operating theaters were being set up, improving the survival chances for those requiring

urgent surgery, but that the large numbers of patients were still "overwhelming."

Keith Ursel, Muzaffarabad operations head for the World Food Program, said hundreds of villages had not received aid, and that thousands of lives were at stake.

"We need 570 tons of food every day to



feed the affected people stranded in these villages," he said. "It is always a mixture of starvation, wounds or rough weather and fear which lead to massive deaths in such a situation."

Most of the deaths were in Pakistani-controlled Kashmir, while 1,360 people died in the Indian-held part of the divided region. Conflict in Indian Kashmir continued Tuesday, with suspected Islamic militants killing the state's education

minister during a raid on a high-security neighborhood that also left at least three others dead.

India has provided some aid to Pakistan, but turned down a Pakistani suggestion that it send military helicopters — without crews — to help with relief work. Pakistan,

which has fought two of its three wars with India over Kashmir, said it could not have the Indian military involved directly in relief efforts.

Aftershocks continued shaking the region, though no further damage was reported. There have been more than 700 aftershocks since the quake.

Some 80,000 people were injured in the quake. The United Nations has estimated 3.3 million were left without homes

and need food and shelter ahead of the approaching winter, with snow already falling in some affected areas.

Maj. Gen. Farooq Ahmed Khan, Pakistan's top relief official, said 33,000 tents and 130,000 blankets have been distributed to quake survivors. He said 260,000 tents and 2 million blankets were needed.

Eighty Pakistani soldiers were flown by helicopter into the Neelum Valley, about 15 miles northeast of Muzaffarabad, to carry emergency rations and other relief supplies on foot to those in need, the army said.

Soldiers also drove mule teams with relief supplies to some of the region's steep-sided villages, crossing people with bundles on their shoulders carefully walking down to lower elevations.

Patients with infected wounds and gangrene languished in remote areas, Red Cross official Sebastian Nowak said.

The U.N. International Labor Organization warned that more than 1.1 million jobs may have been lost as a result of the earthquake in Pakistan, adding that employment programs were urgently needed to lift millions of people out of poverty deepened by the disaster.

There were some signs of normalcy returning to Muzaffarabad on Tuesday, amid the devastation. Some shops reopened for business, and a military-run telecommunications company set up camps where residents can make telephone calls or send e-mails and faxes, free of charge.



# CAMPUS

## Campus Ministries, Right

Rebecca Stolberg  
Staff Writer

Do you remember the Shaving Cream fight at the beginning of the semester? Trivia question: Can you name which campus group sponsored that activity? \*Jeopardy Theme plays\* Don't remember, huh? Trivia answer: Campus Ministries was the group that sponsored that gooey activity. What you should remember for the rest of the semester is that there are some more fun activities that will be happening in the near future.

Campus Ministries welcomes students of all faiths to participate and be involved in the activities that they sponsor. Students don't have to be Catholic or Christian to be involved. The group works for a visible faith by encouraging students in prayer, service, and community activities.

"I believe that faith is strengthened and lived out in action," Director of Mission Effectiveness and Campus Ministries, Dave Armstrong said. "Faith is not a noun it's a verb. Faith is action. [It is] How you act, how you behave, what it is you do and how you reach out to others in service, in help, and in love."

The group offers four activities every week for students to participate in. On Mondays they have their team meetings. Students who would like to help in the planning of fun activities for the Avila community are welcome to attend. The group also takes time to discuss a book, and have prayer.

On every 2nd and 4th Monday there is a Bible study at 8pm following the team meeting. The Bible study is currently focusing on (\*find answer\*).

Tuesdays are Community Nights on campus. Every week there is a different featured activity. Upcoming events include the Busy Student Retreat held right here on campus, Talk and Tacos, and a special Thanksgiving night. The most popular activity that the group hosts is Bingo night at Villa Ventura, an assisted living center. Fliers placed around campus let students know which event is being held and where they should meet to participate. Community Nights start at 7 pm.

Wednesday morning presents an opportunity for students to have a time of prayer at 8:30 am in the Marian Center.

Armstrong wants students to know that this isn't the type of group that requires attendance at every meeting. He wants students to feel comfortable being involved whenever they can.

"A lot of times people are just nervous, the campus ministry team is over there and that's for them and not for me," Armstrong said. "But it's not, it's for everybody. [If] Anybody has absolutely any desire to get involved in any way, shape, or form, I want them to be involved."

Students who are interested in getting involved in the group can contact Dave Armstrong for more information. His email is David.Armstrong@avila.edu or you can call him at 816-501-2423.



## Special Visitor From New York

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Editor in Chief News

During the week of Homecoming, Alumnae from all over the country come and see the growth of Avila University. One woman who attended Avila in the 40s made a trip from New York to visit the school and Sr. Olive Louise Dallavis.

Sr. Mary Benedict is a member of the Heritage Club and attended Avila between 1943 and 1945. While attending Avila her main focus of study was philosophy, after two and a half years at Avila she left Kansas City and relocated to Cleveland; she finished her degree in general humanities at the Irselan Community College in Cleveland.

"You are too young in the beginning and too old at the end," Sr. Benedict said, as she referenced her college days, with a smile.

Sr. Benedict has been part of the Sister community for over 60 years. She missioned in Atlanta for 17 years at the Mother House and completed her final vows in five years, then moved north to Philadelphia and resided at the temporary quarters, and then she moved to Cleveland for 36 years, and moved to New York last November. She lives in the Mother House in Westchester County a rather affluent part of the city.

During her tenure in New York, Sr. Benedict has been working on the archives for the Cleveland house and is currently collecting more data for history.

"I didn't like it in the beginning, but I find it very interesting," Sr. Benedict said. "Data is a challenge; because [in Cleveland] they were too busy helping the sick. They didn't keep as much history, they wanted to help those who were poor and had terminal cancer. You go where you are

needed the most. We took in all creatures, races, sexes, even though they were not Catholic and that was never done before, a total lack of racism."

Sr. Benedict was motivated to become a nun, because, "God seemed to be to be the perfect source and need for love. For total devotion and creation, but then he asks you to do things. You show love by taking care of your neighbor."

Today, Sr. Benedict would like to change the materialism that has been accustomed to our daily lives.

Sr. Benedict said, "Materialism is so prevalent it rids the spiritual aspect of life, it is a lack of faith."

This was Sr. Benedict's last trip to Kansas City, traveling is becoming more difficult as she becomes older. If you want to receive more information about exploring your religious vocation please visit [www.hawthorne-dominicans.org](http://www.hawthorne-dominicans.org) and the Talon online to watch a video.



## Nun Your Business

Chris McNair

### Nun Your Business

*Editor's note: This will be the first story in a series documenting the nuns around campus and their activities.*

From the moment I read that Avila had Nuns on campus I knew this was the college for me. Little did I know just how scarce they would be. I imagined little Whoopie Goldbergs running around the grounds of Avila. I envisioned them standing outside the buildings encouraging the students in their academic trials. I was sorely disappointed. So I used my Talon clout to begin a search for these elusive Sisters.

I was quite unsure of where to begin. I arrived at campus walked into the first building I saw and demanded to know where I could find a sister. I was told that most days I could find Sister Elaine Besand in the bookstore and so I drew much closer to my goal. Upon arriving and explaining my noble quest Sister Elaine seemed a bit wary of my zeal but graciously agreed to an interview.

Sister Elaine entered the Order of St Joseph of Carondelet in St. Louis when she was 21. She had been working for the government and wanted to grow closer to God. When sister Elaine came to Avila 38 years ago there was close to 22 sisters partnering with the college. Now there is only five. A sign of the times, some might say. She believes it is the sister's role to

come along side the university and be a positive presence on this campus whether through service and jobs or just being involved in the college itself. She enjoys being here and remarked, "We've got some good kids here." When asked if she had advice for students she said, "Listen to your own heart, rather than your head." So remember this students when it comes time for book buy backs, it is not her fault. Show this woman some grace when you only get 4 dollars for that Western Civ. Textbook and show some gratitude for her dedication to you and this university.





# Library Opens Minds

Megan Carnes  
Contributing Writer

Its ten o'clock on a Sunday night and you just realize you have a paper due tomorrow and no computer so you rush up to the library only to discover if you want to get finished you have to have the paper completed and printed in forty five minutes. Some students feel it would be beneficial if Avila's library would stay open a little later, but is it really necessary?

"If I had the option there would be many nights where I would stay up at the library and cram all night," junior Kristine Davis said.

This might be the case for many students, but there would have to be enough students who would use the library in order for it to be worth the extra hours. The library can't just decide the hours on their own it takes money and staff to keep the library operating.

"In the past we have has some problems with finding trustworthy and responsible people to staff the library and we are in the process of finding more people to help out," library director Kathleen Finegan said.

The pay weighs in at eight dollars an hour which is more then work study, but it takes time and responsibility to be able to shut down and help those students who are having problems. The Avila library has great space for group work and an

abundance of resources that students might not be aware they have. Not only are there new computers in the lab, but students have access to numerous databases and books. It is much easier now to retrieve electronic reserve material and even possible to access Avila's databases from ones very own home.

The biggest issue is the weekend hours and there is hope in the future that these hours will change. The hours are set at ten to five on Saturday and three to eleven on Sunday. "By next year we are hoping to be open twelve to eleven on Saturday and twelve to eleven on Sunday as well," Finegan said.

Avila's library is very comparable to many other universities in the area. Longview and Blue River community colleges are not even open on Sundays. William Jewel College closes at five on Fridays. Kansas state university is only open until ten on the weeknights and Sunday.

"I am happy I have access to the library until eleven and don't see the need for longer hours seeing that the library is open at eight every morning," senior Casey Carson said.

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# Sleepless In... Avila

Emily Hoskins  
Contributing Writer

Everybody likes sleep, don't they? At this point in my life a "good" night of sleep is nothing under ten hours. Of course, for now I'll just have to settle for those glorious little things called naps. I know I'm not the only one who enjoys some shuteye. "Naps are a definite must in my life. I probably couldn't go one day without one," freshman Sarah Parker said. But what I can't seem to understand is that if they love it so much then why are so many students sleep deprived? Oh, wait I remember. To put it simple, college student's lives today are extremely demanding. Whether their time and effort is taken up by sports, school, jobs, or friends, for many, sleep is not a top priority. Right? Let's face it, in college would you rather party, or sleep? To students there are more important things, more enjoyable things than sleep. But unfortunately we will suffer in the long run. The National Sleep Foundation estimates that young adults need between 8.5-9.25 hours of sleep nightly. Unfortunately as apart of the following survey, most college students are only receiving about six hours of sleep a night. At the McKinley Health Center located at the University of Illinois, a survey was taken of college students and their sleeping habits. This study goes to show that college students are among the most sleep deprived people in the country. By this health center it was discovered that only 11% of the students

met the criteria for good sleep quality. It also found that 18% of college males and 30% of college women reported suffering from insomnia with in the past three months. There are many results from not getting enough sleep. Extreme sleep difficulties such as insomnia or excessive sleepiness may be signs of depression. And unfortunately, one in every four college students is in depression. Your physical health is also affected when inadequate sleep leads to a weakened immune system. And who wants to get sick with final exams coming up. It is important to recognize that sleep deprivation is not just a danger to oneself, but according to Dr. Omar Burschtin, "One of the highest causes of death among college students is driving while sleep deprived." Also, according to a study published in the British Journal of Occupational and Environmental Medicine, people who drive after being awake for 17 to 19 hours perform worse that those with a blood alcohol level of .05 percent. It's simple. To maintain more sleep the student must generate better sleeping habits. Some examples of good habits would be sticking to a strict sleeping schedule, avoiding caffeine and alcohol, and not exercising after 7 pm. Grant it that some of these examples will not be followed, but just think about it for a little bit. Would you rather be sick and sleepless, or healthy and rejuvenated? Yes, so stop reading this article and go to bed.

# Being Homeless a Different Existence

Kris Sachs  
Staff Writer

Around 10 p.m. on September 23rd, my friends and I went on a walk in Westport to see what was going on. It was an ordinary, warm Friday night with the bars blaring loud music and groups of friends stumbling about in states of fairly tipsy to fall down drunk. Being sick of all the loud noise and the stench of beer and sweat, we headed over to the fountain on JC Nichols street just to hang out and talk. As we approached the fountain, we saw a group of people hanging out in the rear section of the fountain by the memorial wall. The spectacle was odd at first because even from a distance, we could see them dressed in heavy leather jackets, and upon further inspection, almost everything they wore was black. Their head count was only seven though, so we weren't that intimidated since there were six of us, and we had three very big boys with us.

We sat down on the stone bench about two yards away from them and pretended to ignore them while furtively sneaking side-glances and looking at each other questioningly. There were three girls and four boys, all wearing long coats, heavy black boots, lots of metal, both attached to clothing and in their faces/ears, and huge backpacks/sleeping bags. Carrying on casual conversation, we began to talk

about them in low voices. One of these heavily clad strangers had a guitar and was playing a quiet melody while the others in his group were talking and laughing. The most adventurous boy in our group, Roy, strolled over casually and asked to play

with the guitar. The man handed over the instrument and Roy sat down cross-legged to play. Observing Roy's bravery, we all went over to the group and began talking to them.

They introduced themselves as (the guys) Jake, Mike, Hollywood, Pogo, (the girls), Marie and Andy. The other girl in the group walked away and wasn't seen for the rest of the night. They were very friendly and mellow. Despite appearances, they acted more like a group of philosophical hippies than anything else. They were also drinking a mass amount of cheap whiskey, so I'm sure that was part of it. Our groups, now completely united, talked about movies, books, politics, and religion. At this point, my friends and I are still wondering who these people are and where they are from.

As we became more familiar with them, we began to ask more personal questions about who they were and why they were hanging out at the fountain at such an hour dressed as they were. Hollywood, who had continuously given the impression of the leader, took the lead to reply to our questions with the rest of the group chiming in intermittently. I became more and more fascinated and I asked if I could sort of interview him, and the others, and use the information for my paper. He said he had no problem with it and neither did the rest of the group. By this time, two of the people, Andy and Jake, had passed out on the concrete and Mike was talking to my friend Amanda off to one side.





# International Students at Avila

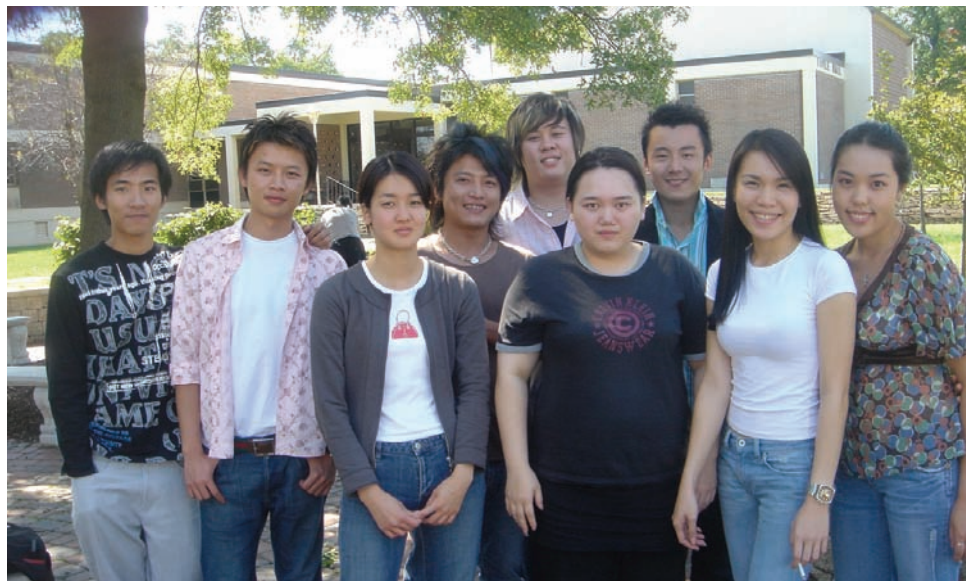
Wei-Chu Wang

Avila is first American Experience For Many International Students

Although the numbers may seem few, International students have a significant presence on Avila's campus. There are usually anywhere between 50-60 international students from abroad, which includes representatives from Taiwan, Japan, Korea, Africa, and a few other countries. The International Students Program at Avila is growing more and more because there are a lot of students interested in coming to the United States to study. That means the International Student Program is getting better and better. People who come from different places and backgrounds will certainly enhance the cultural experience for all at Avila and in the surrounding community. Of course, there are many similarities between the international student representatives. But, they still exist some significant differences between the International students' life in their native countries and at home with the American students. From my perspective, there are many differences between Asia and the United States, and the top one is about the food. A big topic at just about every meeting among the international students is the food in the cafeteria.

When school just beginning, the cafeteria provides a common gathering point for a lot of new international students when they arrive at Avila. The cafeteria is the first place for the students to meet each other. There is normally a big party outside of the cafeteria, which is the first major activity of the fall semester. During this activity in the cafeteria, we can meet and greet most of the new students. I am from Taiwan, so I am pretty focused on the students who come from Taiwan. But age seems

to be the most significant bond for most students regardless of nationality. There are many International students coming this semester, and our ages are very close. That makes easier for people of the same age to stay together. The purpose of this initial activity is for everybody to get to know each other, even from the different countries. In this first gathering, our more senior students meet all of the new International students. After chatting, we know they are just like us the ones who



came here five years ago.

It is the first time for most of the students came to the United States, so they feel totally different. Some students feel very excited about this, but some people feel uncomfortable. At this moment, we feel we should take responsibility for taking care of the new students because we used to be in exactly their positions. The International students' advisor is

Bruce Inwards. He also had an outdoor party for the International students, this year. The main dessert was "ice cream", but the overriding purpose of this party is to let our international students know they have a strong support network available to them. Bruce and Holly keep doing a lot of activities for Avila, especially for the international students. Why does the International Student Program do this? Each student who comes from another country often has a difficult time with many

In Taiwan, we have a lot of traditional food, which we ate since childhood. In the United States, we think there are only hamburgers or fries. We cannot take that every day that is why a lot of Asian people will cook by themselves. The manager of the cafeteria, Don Hillard, is very attentive to our problems and tries to solve them by offering a diverse menu. There are a lot of students going to eat lunch everyday, but only a few of the international students will actually eat the food from the cafeteria. So Don thinks about different kinds of food, and tries to do something special for us every now and then. During the international food day, people who work at the cafeteria will do something special, as well. Each student also has the opportunity to bring their traditional food and serve it in the cafeteria.

College life should be fun. International students spend most of their time in America on campus, so Avila represents our picture of America. At school, is where we study and relax. The international students often need more rest time and additional study time to make the adjustments to this new life. The international students usually do not have families here, nor, in most cases, they do not have very close friend during the beginning of the semester. That is why we need to have more activities for the International student's program. The fun activities can make very good relationships between all students, and also between international students and professors. The international students still need to meet the American standards because we are all in the same university. The University should do more activities for international students, and then the student's college life can be more interesting and they will have good life-long memories.

## Culture Important to Course Study

Rebecca Stolberg

Australia. Austria. Argentina. China. England. Ireland. The Netherlands. Scotland. Spain. Switzerland. Thailand. Have you ever wanted to spend time in Europe or another country? The saying goes, "The world is your oyster." It was never truer than it is right now. Avila University has a relationship with Webster University that enables students to spend some of their college education experience in a foreign country. This program is called: Study Abroad.

Assistant Vice-President of Academic Affairs, Dr. Dwyane Smith, is very excited to be in charge of the Study Abroad Program at Avila. He knows first-hand about studying abroad because he studied in London. He called his time in England "tremendous". His goal is to make studying abroad a legitimate option to students who might not otherwise consider it.

"We are such a global society that the borders that defined us in a previous generation are down," Smith said in his office while holding information booklets about the program in different countries.

[There is] nothing like being in a different culture and knowing how to operate, how to think, how they go about their daily lives."

With the Study Abroad Program you can spend a summer, semester, or even a year, living in a foreign country. Before even leaving Avila, students are provided with assistance to make the transition to a new learning environment. Once in a foreign country students are immersed in the culture in order to fully experience it. The school they are attending provides opportunities for students to explore and enjoy the country. Students can live in dorms, apartments, or even host homes which allows them to make the most of their global immersion.

Practically every major can be pursued through the program. How about studying English in London; Art in Vienna; or Computer Science in Hua Hin/Cha-am? Schools of every size offer numerous fields of study from which students can choose.

For most students though, it comes down to one thing: financial resources. How can a student who can barely afford Avila find the means to pay the tuition at a

of the customs and traditions in America that are so focused on American culture, life, and relationships. Bruce and Holly are trying to help the international student community accept the new environment more easily.

I heard many complaints from a host of the international students who say they cannot accept the food in cafeteria. This is because we have the different eating habits.

foreign school? According to Director of Financial Aid, Kim Warren, every student can study abroad. The program is set up such that students who wish to study in a foreign country will continue to pay Avila's tuition even though they will physically be in another country. Tuition fees, housing, and food are the student's responsibility.

The scholarships that you have at Avila

will apply to your education abroad.

Kathleen Norberg, first-year student, found Avila's Study Abroad Program to be very attractive. She plans on studying in Geneva, Switzerland and expects to have "an amazing year."

"I have always wanted to go to Europe," Norberg said. "One of the main reasons I came to Avila was because of their Study Abroad Program."

Studying abroad is an opportunity for every student on the Avila campus. Applications are currently being accepted for upcoming programs.

"Take advantage of study abroad," Smith said leaning back in his office chair. "The best time to travel is as a student before life takes over."

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# Great Writing: Great Introductions

Janelle Setters  
Writing Specialist

“Writing is fighting” – Mohammad Ali

One night my sister returned home from a new class she was taking, frustrated and mad. Her English instructor offered students in his class \$100 and an automatic A for the semester if they could recite verbatim the first few lines of the 1970s hit single *ABC* by the Jackson 5. Though every student was familiar with the song and could sing parts of it, not one of them remembered the beginning. My sister complained that this sneaky instructor had successfully made this dare to numerous classes over the years without ever having to pay up. The point of his challenge? Some introductions are just plain forgettable.

Ask any student in Judith Roberts’ English courses here at Avila and they can tell you, most assuredly, about the importance of an “attention grabbing opening sentence.” Her students learn that the words for a “real throat grabber” can only come from free writing when the writer doesn’t put down the pencil until all ideas and words are out on paper. Professor Roberts further explains, “To write a good throat grabber, the writer may be humorous, satirical, sardonic, outrageous, demanding, questioning, confrontational, or just plain silly.” The language of great introductions is condensed, intense and conducive because, as Roberts explains, “The grabber opening provides the high dive for the reader to plunge off into the piece. All great literature has a grabber.”

Roberts, poet and author of *Chrysanthemums I Once Thought Sweet*, knows firsthand that “Poets are the masters of

the tight, concise, powerful opening that addicts the reader to the verse, and there is no going back.” She cites Gary Snyder’s poem “For a Far Out Friend” which starts with the provocative words, “Because I once beat you up.” “We are compelled to read on to find out why he beat up his friend.” The poet/instructor believes that even songwriters use the same trumped up dialogue, so that we as listeners will “listen more closely” when we hear Ray Charles sing “Hit the road, Jack, and don’t ya’ come back no mo,” naturally we want to hear how Ray takes care of this guy.

In *Brave New World*, author Alex Huxley espouses that people, especially those of us participating in the information age, will lose interest in reading due to being overfed too much irrelevant data of a trivial nature. If we, as a culture, become super fans of instantaneous pleasure and popular frivolity, we will lose our taste for things of substance, eventually being controlled by simplistic distractions. The result? It will become harder and harder to win our attention, especially while reading, because the writer is forced to compete with the allure of the distractions that have us spellbound.

Coming up with a knock-out opening for a movie carries the same challenge for filmmakers. “At film festival pre-screenings, the panelists only look at the first 5 to 8 minutes of your film, and if you haven’t captured their interest in that short time span, they throw your film out.” says Dr. Benjamin Meade, Professor of Communications here at Avila, and distinguished filmmaker, who explains that this type of critical judgment is necessary

in our world today. “In visual art or written work, there has to be a beginning that appeals to the human psyche.”

Meade suggests taking heed of what has become known as the ominous “Huxleyan Warning,” in which our current lifestyles inadvertently begin to promote reading as socially incorrect. “The more interactive our lives become, the less we are acquainted with the written word, and the more it takes to get our attention.” Moreover, Meade emphasizes that “For kids nowadays, to get them to read, the opening really has to pack a punch, otherwise they won’t read it.”

Judith Roberts echoes the same sentiment, referring to Jack Kerouac, the beat poet who wrote, “You’ll find that your lies are heavier than your intentions and your confessions lighter than heaven. Otherwise who wants to read?” She adds, “I agree. Without the power of the grabber opening to propel us on, who wants to read?”

In Shakespeare’s lifetime, it was considered socially incorrect for women to attend playhouses and/or public forums. Nonetheless, that did not stop Romeo’s creator from attempting to lure the ladies in (after all, his most important patron was female). Besides, nobody knew how to plant a hook in the opening pieces of a play better than William Shakespeare. As a result, even to this day, it is hard resist the mouthwatering and desperate rhetoric of his starting lines, “If music be the food of love, play on; Give me excess of it, that surfeiting, the appetite may sicken, and so die.” Oh, William. You make writing seem as easy as 1,2,3.

Guess these ‘Great Introductions’ and win a flash drive. Be the first to e-mail the correct answers to [talon-news-network@excite.com](mailto:talon-news-network@excite.com)

1) “There’s a lady who’s sure -  
“All that glitters is gold.”

2) “As Gregor Samsa awoke one morning from uneasy dreams, he found himself transformed in his bed into a gigantic insect.”

3) “At first I was afraid; I was petrified.”

4) “It’s been one week since you looked at me cocked your head to the side and said ‘I’m angry.’”

5) “It is a truth universally acknowledged that a single man in possession of a good fortune must be in want of a wife.”

6) “You can tell by the way I use my walk;  
I’m a woman’s man- no time to talk.”

7) “Well, I’m packin’ up my game, and I’m a headin’ out west where real women come equipped with scripts and fake breasts.”

8) “Is this the real life? Is this just fantasy?”

9) “It was a bright cold day in April, and the clocks were striking thirteen.”

10) “Midway on our life’s journey, I found myself  
In dark woods, the right road lost.”

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## Did Ye Know Matey?!

Kris Sachs

Arg ye scurvy dog! Isn't talkin like a pirate dandy? Many people agree! In commemoration to pirates everywhere, there is now a whole day dedicated to talking like a pirate. It is appropriately named "Talk Like A Pirate Day."

This eventful and rowdy day happens on September 19<sup>th</sup> and I know you've already missed it. Don't cry. You can talk like a pirate any day you want to! In fact, it is a good idea to have a talk-like-a-pirate week! Get some fellow mateys, some rum and eye patches, commandeer a few ships and you'll be good to go. Ready, set, plunder! Also, there is the fantastic fact that Halloween is coming up! A pirate theme is just the thing to have for all your Halloween parties.

What do you need to dress like a pirate and where can you go to get your gear? Around Halloween it is very easy to obtain

Yes, you are poor, I know. This is quite a costly outfit but think of how much fun it is to dress up as a pirate. You could do it everyday. All these items can be purchased at vintage stores, toy stores, and Wal-Mart.

Along with dressing like a pirate, you must be able to talk like one. Some of the most popular terms you'll probably need to know are these: Aye, ahoy, avast(stop and give attention-like a post-modern "whoa check it out!"), aarrrr!, grog (alcohol), and lubber (ordinarily, someone who does not go to sea, but in this case, anyone who doesn't talk like a pirate or is stupid). Those are the basics that you must know. If you can find some more to use, more power to you. Of course, you won't be anywhere without a few pick-up lines.

For the guys:

I'd love to drop an anchor in your lagoon.

How'd you like to scrape the barnacles off me rudder?



what you need, which is:

A pirate hat

A bandana

An eyepatch

A long-sleeved baggy shirt (preferably made of linen and very loose around the collar as to show some chest hair...or cleavage)

A light, fitted jacket

A long coat with large buttons

A pair of pantaloons

A sash to tie around your waist

A pair of long socks

A pair of high boots (of black or brown)

A sword and scabbard (a plastic one is a...good idea)

A hook (again, with the plastic)

A couple strings of gaudy gold necklaces

A fake tattoo with something like "MOTHER" inside a heart on your chest where your shirt opens, or skull and crossbones

A flask (and whatever you want to put in it...preferably rum)

Yes, that is a hornpipe in my pocket and I am happy to see you.

Prepare to be boarded.

Wanna shiver me timbers?

That's some treasure chest you've got there.

And for the ladies:

Come show me how ye bury yer treasure lad!

That's quite a cutlass ye got thar, what ye need is a good scabbard!

I've crushed seventeen men's skulls between me thighs!

Now that we have covered the pirate lingo and pirate gear, you are fully set for a night of plundering and pillaging!

So have fun this Halloween and dress up like a pirate. Ladies too! And definitely keep in mind September 19<sup>th</sup>. Engrave it in your chest or something because you won't want to miss it again!

(If you want the background on Talk Like a Pirate Day, go to [www.talklikeapirate.com](http://www.talklikeapirate.com))

## The Alcohol Question

Nicole Sowders

The phone rang for the third time. I got up from my bed and walked to the phone that was hanging in the bathroom. I said

hello and looked up at the clock. It read 4:56. It was 4:56 in the morning. It was the same person who had called about an hour ago, but this time she was in jail and needed someone to bail her out. I guess that someone was me.

"You need \$1,000?"

Repeatedly I questioned myself on whether I should go bail her out. This was the second time in the past two months she was arrested. The first time was for drinking and driving and this one was for resisting arrest in a bar. Apparently she forgot her driver's license or valid identification so she snuck in the bar and refused to leave when asked.

After being apart of the first arrest incident I knew I was not going to bail her out of jail. There is only so much a friend can do. There comes a time when a person has to put

their foot down and say no. There also comes a time when a friend has to tell another friend she is an alcoholic.

The term alcoholic is usually defined as someone who is addicted to alcohol. But,

wouldn't that make a huge population of the world. The website [www.counsel.edu/dealingwithalcohol](http://www.counsel.edu/dealingwithalcohol) presents five signs that are typically in an alcoholic.

While visiting other websites they all

Here are five signs that could signal an alcohol problem:

1. The first sign is any trouble with one's job or performance as work or school as a result of alcohol consumption, such a repeated lateness; trouble performing due to a hangover, the shakes or reliance on alcohol to help function on the job.

2. The onset of physical problems such as shaking, headaches, blackouts, swelling around the ankles, loss of memory or sudden weight loss.

3. The onset of family problems, increased conflicts with spouse or children, short-temperedness, frequent fights, and an increase in irritability.

4. Legal problems such as a Driving Under the Influence arrest.

5. A change in personality while drinking, such as a person who suddenly becomes much more outgoing when drinking when normally the person is more shy and retiring, or a person who becomes more aggressive, belligerent, or angry while drinking when under normal circumstances that person is quite easy to get along with.

typically agreed on these five signs. While looking at the five signs I noticed that I could name 20 people my age, older, and younger that fall under one of these signs. It's suggested that it is not all of the steps together that present a sign of alcohol problems, if just one of the steps is present than there is a problem with alcohol.

After analyzing the steps and really thinking about alcohol and how many people use and abuse I started to analyze everyone around me. Does everyone have a problem with alcohol? Why do people drink so much?

As for my friend it is court ordered to go to alcohol classes, but there are several people out there that do not have the court ordered classes that live their life in alcohol.

I reach out to the reader and ask for their comments

regarding this topic. For comments regarding this article please write [nicolesowders@hotmail.com](mailto:nicolesowders@hotmail.com).





# The Greatest Tournament Without A Champion

Josh Nolen  
w/ Skylar McKeen

Beads of unknown liquids dripped down foreheads as eyes narrowed in concentration. While the room spun with the regularity of a merry-go-round, so did the mind of the competitor with half formed thoughts and attempts at focusing. Focus, its just one cup. I wonder who has my keys. Why didn't my partner make more shots? God I have to pee. Focus, its just two really blurry cups. With a shake of the head, a stone set face, a moment of clarity washes over the lone shooter as the stance is taken. Spurred with determination, guided by hope and prayer alike the small white ball cuts through the silence of crowd and ends with a splash of victory followed by incoherent screams of joy and curses of defeat. Beer pong, Beruit, the name doesn't matter. Twenty cups (ten on each side) two tables, four balls, a list of twenty five rules and fourty eight conditioned athletes with more grit and ferocity than wild beasts. Oh, and six kegs beer. Let the games begin!

Beer Pong is a drinking game played primarily played by college students across the nation. Beer Pong dates back to 323 B.C.E., when Carthaginians played the game by tossing small stones or pebbles into four chalices. The Carthaginians stopped playing this game when they were overthrown by the Romans.

The game has been altered throughout history and different versions of the game have surfaced. Savage warriors used to play with skulls and fermented yak blood instead of plastic cups and beer.

Some believe it resurfaced around 1983 in fraternities and on university campuses across the nation. Plastic 12 oz. cups filled a quarter of the way with beer and ping pong balls are the choice of many instead of the fermented blood. Each person or group of friends has their own rules but many follow by the basic guidelines for the game.

The basic object of the game is as follows. Whichever team gets rid of their opponent's cups first wins the game. Each team throws ping pong balls at the other team's

cups. If the ball lands in one of the cups, it is removed and the other team drinks the beer. It goes back and forth until one team gets rid of all their opponent's cups.

On Saturday, Oct. 8, 2005, the age-old tradition was continued when 24 coed teams of Avila students began their quest for the Beer Pong Tournament Championship crown at an undisclosed location. The tournament started in the mid-afternoon and lasted well into the twilight hours as more people started to join the crowd of spectators.

Tournament rules and regulations were established before the first match of the tournament. Each team consisted of one man and one woman at all times. Each team had to finish with the same two they started with as well. Double-elimination gave teams an opportunity to redeem their disappointing first-round losses.

If a team lost, they were put into the loser's bracket. If they won, they would move on in the winner's bracket until a crown was put on the team that was victorious.

The tournament started in the mid-afternoon with high expectations. The first two teams began the tournament by playing paper, rock, scissors to see who gets the first toss. The ping pong balls were tossed and the tournament was under way.

Ping Pong balls floated through the night's air and splashed in suds as the tournament continued into the wee hours of the morning. Each team had their share of ups and downs but excitement filled the room. As the tournament continued more spectators came to the event and waited anxiously to find out who would be crowned the next Beer Pong Champion.

The tournament was a huge success. Camaraderie and teamwork were displayed in some of the most inebriated states. All that the tournament lacked was a couple peanut and hot dog vendors along with coverage of the entire event on ESPN 8- "The Ocho."

There was only one problem with the success of the tournament. It had no champion. The tournament lasted too long and each team was too exhausted to finish.

"Im ready to go! I came here to win, and winning is here for the playing." Said an unnamed and eliminated competitor, no doubt exhausted from a night of intense game play. No one knows if and when the final matches will be played, but speculations have been formed as many believe this tournament may be labeled as one of the greatest tournaments in the history of Beer Pong without a champion. "I concur. This was a good (expletive) tournament," said an anonymous 'blue

team' coordinator "everyone is having to much fun to finish up. But we'll hold on to all the information and maybe have invite-only follow up games to see who really is the Avila chapter beer pong champion."

Will Beer Pong go down as one of the greatest college sports ever or will it disappear and resurface 50 years from now. Only time will tell if Vince Vaughan and Ben Stiller will make a true underdog story about Beer Pong.



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# MOVIES AND TELEVISION SCAR STUDENTS FOR LIFE.

The Wheelers! I can't seem to get those creepy "things" out of my mind. I don't know if any of you have seen the 1985 movie, Return to Oz, but the wheelers might be the scariest creatures ever. They rolled there way around. They had wheels in place of their hands. They wore these helmets on their heads. And they always had the freakiest facial expressions. Their mouths were always wide open. I cringe every time I think about the wheelers, squeaking all around.

Lauren McCarthy

The scariest movie character I've ever seen is Freddy Krueger. He has that ugly face and those long razors on his hands, and he attacks you in your sleep when you can't do anything about it. But I think the real reason why he's so creepy to me is because the first time I ever saw him, I was in a movie theatre when I was little and everything seems a lot scarier when you're small.

Xavier Ramirez

In my opinion, leather face from the movie "The Texas Chainsaw Massacre" is the scariest horror film character. He's so creepy! Not only does he look really scary, but also he isn't dead and could still pop up anywhere. Seeing leather face in a large theatre with a large screen and surround sound speakers made him that much more frightening.

Amanda Curtice

To this day, I am still deathly afraid of clowns. This probably has something to do with me as a young child watching the movie "It," based on Stephen King's novel. I will never forget Tim Curry's character Pennywise the clown, his voice, his smile, even his teeth. Pennywise made my heart pump out of control with terror and sent chills down my spine when I was younger, and he still does today.

Erin Stewart

Horror films are one of my favorite things to watch. They keep me on the edge of my seat and do not scare me at all. My favorite character is Jack Torrance played by Jack Nicholson in Stanley Kubrick's "The Shining". I think his character added flavor to a fantastic movie. Nicholson was a perfect fit for the role. I also liked the two twins in the blue dresses that stood in the hallway.

Josh Nolen

In that movie saw, where that one dude is laying down in that room and pretending to be dead and then walked away. That dude was (expletive) scary!

Kip Shoecraft

Edward Scissorhands scares the life out of me! It's just so creepy the way that he never talks or changes his facial expressions throughout the whole movie. I mean, he's just so pale and has all those scars on his face. He just creeps me out!

Nicole Harstedt



Nobody scares me like that angry blue little man, grumpy smurf. Always walking around with a surly temperament looking for fights, the fact that he's blue really intimidates me. But forget all of that. What really scares me about grumpy smurf is his hands. They're so small and creepy, not to mention he smells like cabbage.

Sean Wadsworth

My favorite scary movie would have to be Tremors directed by Ron Underwood, starring Kevin Bacon. I liked the movie because it kept me at the edge of my seat. I will admit that the acting was not exceptional, but the storyline was pretty scary. I mean tons of tiny creatures could come from the ground and snatch you off the face of the earth at any minute. If that's not scary, I don't know what is.

Tiara Burns

The fuzziness of the television screen sounds, and a deep, raspy voice eliminates the fuzziness and the tricycle doll from the movie Saw is shown. He comes on the screen to tell victims he has a little game to play. Each player has a problem (drug addiction, work maniac, stalker, and etc.) and to fix that problem you have to kill someone else or you will die. The doll explains what the rules are and how to live; there is a connection between the victim and the killer. If you complete the game successfully and kill the other person, the doll comes back to visit you. This doll on the tricycle honestly scares me, because of his painted white face with red eyes and circles on his cheeks. His pointed white bird-like nose and black, stringy hair with curls at the bottom reminds me of my worst nightmare. With his controlling power in the movie terrifies me even more. The reason I fear this character is because he resembles Chucky in some way. I had several nightmares of Chucky when I was younger and this character reminds me of him. Saw 2 will hit theatres Oct. 28, 2005.

Donna Jungman

Freddy Krueger scares me. It's mainly the way that he attacks people, that and the fact that he's really ugly. I first saw him on video when I was little and he's just really creeped me out since then.

Clint Honeycutt

The most frightening character I have ever seen in a horror movie is the girl from the ring. Now, I don't scare very easily and when I do it's for a damn good reason. And that damn good reason is, and only ever will be, the girl from the ring. The thought that a video could be floating around that, if watched, could spur an attack from a creepy little girl keeps me awake at night..

Kim Smitka

Courage is  
resistance to  
fear, mastery  
of fear - not  
absence of fear.  
~Mark Twain



## The Edge of Hell review

Erin Stewart/Donna Jungman

Screaming, shirt clenching, breath holding and heart pounding are all things I think of and expect to occur when I am going through a haunted house. The Edge of Hell haunted house was honestly a let down for me this year, there were some good parts, but also some bad parts. The waiting in anticipation outside in the cold night for 35 minutes didn't help much either, even though I did get to see a man that resembled Beetlejuice with a rat on his shoulder.

When you finally get inside you get to pay \$17 for a 20 minute horror-filled tour of the building. As you entered, there was a strong scent of baby powder and fake fog that filled the air. People in front of me were falling down and tripping going up stairs or down ramps causing the people behind them to trip and fall as well. Most parts of the haunted house were pitch black with no warnings of any upcoming obstacles.

There was the scent of baby powder and fake fog. Characters you assumed were fake would follow you and whisper in your ear until you shrieked. A cool part of the haunted house was the bridge in a tunnel where you walked through and you got the illusion that you were moving, but really the tunnel was spinning with glowing spots all over it. My favorite part of the whole haunted house adventure would have to be the very end when you spiral down a dark slide on a piece of wax paper, ending up close to the exit.

## The Blood Brothers Make Noise in Lawrence

Erin Stewart

The crowd was hushed to low scattered whispers when the sounds of keyboards tuning hit their ears. The sounds of the bass, guitar, and the drums soon followed. The vocal sound checks were next in line.

Front men Jordan Billie, tall and lanky, and Johnny Whitney, smaller framed with shaggy hair shrieked multiple raw "CHECKS" into their mics. The crowd chuckled as I thought to myself "How can two grown men possibly reach that high of a pitch?" That was just the beginning.

The Blood Brothers first made noise in the underground scene with the 2003 release of "Burn, Piano Island Burn." They found it increasingly hard to perform that album live due to the intense nature of the songs. That fact made itself very obvious upon the band taking the stage.

The Blood Brothers performed at Liberty Hall in Lawrence, Thursday Oct. 6. They played fourteen songs almost continuously, allowing hardly any time for clapping. They kicked off their set with "Trash Flavored Trash," a blistering number that set the tone for the rest of the show. Whitney (vocals/keyboard), Billie (vocals), Mark Gajadhar (drums), Morgan Henderson (bass/

keyboard), and Cody Votolato (guitar) round out the band.

Whitney played the keyboard with

Votolato jumped around like a madman with a guitar.

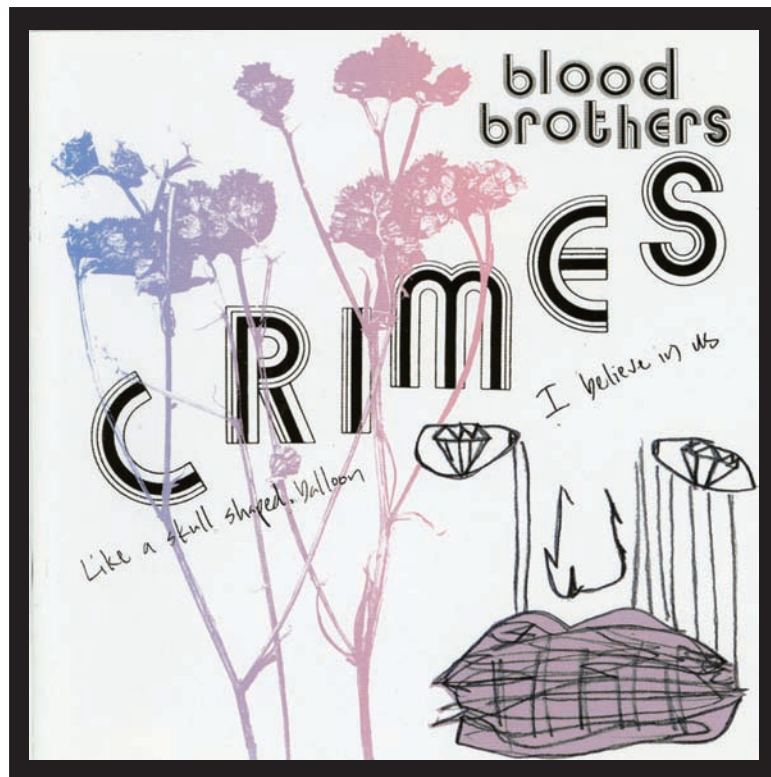
The Blood Brothers put on such an intense live show that you expect to have bruises when you walk out. I literally found myself out of breath after numerous songs, and I am not even in the band.

The most intense moment of the show came with the sonic burst known as "Guitarmy." The track clocks in at a mere 37 seconds, but it grabs you by the neck and pins you against the wall. It exits as quickly as it enters... like the loudest ninja you have ever seen or heard.

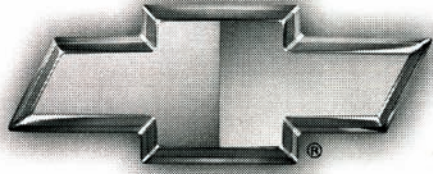


Looking at people's reactions while The Blood Brothers performed was interesting. Some people had smiles on their faces while others looked terrified. Billie and Whitney literally pranced around the stage with loose, flailing wrists. I couldn't take my eyes off the band at any point. They had an amazing stage presence like I have never seen, and I


have been to numerous shows.

I highly recommend checking out The Blood Brothers live picking up any of their albums. Visit [www.thebloodbrothers.com](http://www.thebloodbrothers.com) for future tour dates and a complete discography.



attitude while he swayed his hips and stomped his feet. I noticed Henderson's bald spot in his hair of curls as he played his bass calmly despite the hectic music. Gajadhar went nuts on the drums while



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## First Fridays

Erin Stewart

Do you like art, wine, live music, and meeting new people...all for no money at all? If you do then this is a great opportunity for you to learn about First Fridays. The first Friday of every month, the Crossroads Art District host this event.

The Crossroads Art District is a non profit organization that is focused on bringing Kansas City back to life. The District has made a lot of progress so far, the area is building up with restaurants, businesses, and not to mention a growing art scene.

There are 61 galleries within the Crossroads community that stay open from 7 to 9 p.m. the first Friday of each month. At many of the galleries, there are wine and other refreshments for viewers to enjoy while browsing. If you see some art work that you like, there is a good chance

that the artist is somewhere near by, they are eager to talk about their work with interested viewers.

The Crossroads District offers free trolley services to the public during First Fridays. The trolleys will stop at multiple places, so people are able to see all the galleries. The trolley service runs from 6:45 until 9:30 p.m. If you prefer to walk and not take the trolley, then you are sure to hear some live music as you walk gallery to gallery.

If you are into art, then you will most likely enjoy the lively atmosphere of First Fridays. The best advice I can give about First Fridays is to wear comfortable walking shoes and to not wait until 8:45 to go, the closer to 9 it is, the more people and crowds you will have to fight through. The next First Fridays event will be held on Nov. 4.



# Local Music Part Two: The Rather Nots Interview

Kris Sachs

Do you like going to local shows and getting to know the bands? Do you like paying three dollars to see a really awesome show, even when you've never heard of the band? Would you rather see a band play in a basement in more of a party environment than in a concert hall? If you said yes to any of these questions, I'll tell you something... so do most of the rest of us.

Going to those big concert halls really got on my nerves when I first started going to concerts when I was 14. Being that I am 5'3, I got tossed around, punched, kicked, grabbed, pushed, and not to mention I never got any air. The crowds were enormous, the wait in line was terrible, and there was no way of even getting close to the band unless they were signing stuff... in which again, the wait was terrible. Now, despite everything you get with a big crowd,

seeing a band you love is totally worth it, but on a week to week basis, I would rather go to a local show.

There are many places to have local shows-small concert halls (such as the Beaumont in Westport or The Granada in Lawrence), bars, house shows, basements, and even parks. Personally, I like the house and basement shows the best. Not only do you get a smaller, more personal crowd, but also more party-time and front row seats. Concert halls and other public places have certain restrictions.

On Wednesday, September 21st, I went to one of the greatest basement shows of my life at a place called the Sleeper Cellar. The address was around 27th and Pennsylvania, and instead of a house, this place is a 3rd floor apartment with a basement. All three floors are open to anyone at the show and entrance fee was only 4 bucks. By word of mouth, I heard

that three people rented one flat each, as to have a bigger area to party, and agreed to start the Sleeper Cellar. From the look of the amount of kids there, I'm betting they easily collect \$200 a night, not including the sale of...other things.

Going down into the basement, I realized where the place got its name. This place was much more like a cellar (of scariness and death) than a basement. The ceiling was very low and the walls were made of crumbling, stained brick. The atmosphere was damp and at the front of the cellar, there was just a single low watt bulb hanging from a cord in the ceiling. This place was actually really creepy, in a super awesome kind of way. The room was also filled with a lot of smoke so it was pretty hard to see. I sat down on a couch against one damp wall and watched the first band set up. From what I could see, I

noticed that the band was mostly made up of heavily tattooed girls and one guy.

The cellar got more and more packed and I decided to push my way up to the front. The lead singer chugged beer before she swiped the microphone and screamed "Now we are ready to play! Are you bastards ready for The Rather Nots!?" Everyone gave a mighty whoop and the band began to play. The sound was a mixture of hardcore screaming and haunting melodies in minor key. The girl had a very diverse voice, as did the other band mates. Their music was, overall, eccentric and bizarre. Between songs, they chugged a lot of beer and made several rowdy comments, which the crowd loved. After the last set, I jumped right up there and asked them for an interview. They said sure, why not?

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## Hot Chicks and Epilepsy: A Review of Domino

Ben Digman

Let's get this straight, Domino, the latest flick from lackluster director Tony Scott, is not for epileptics or anyone with a sensitivity bright flashing images that make your head spin, or perhaps anyone who can see.

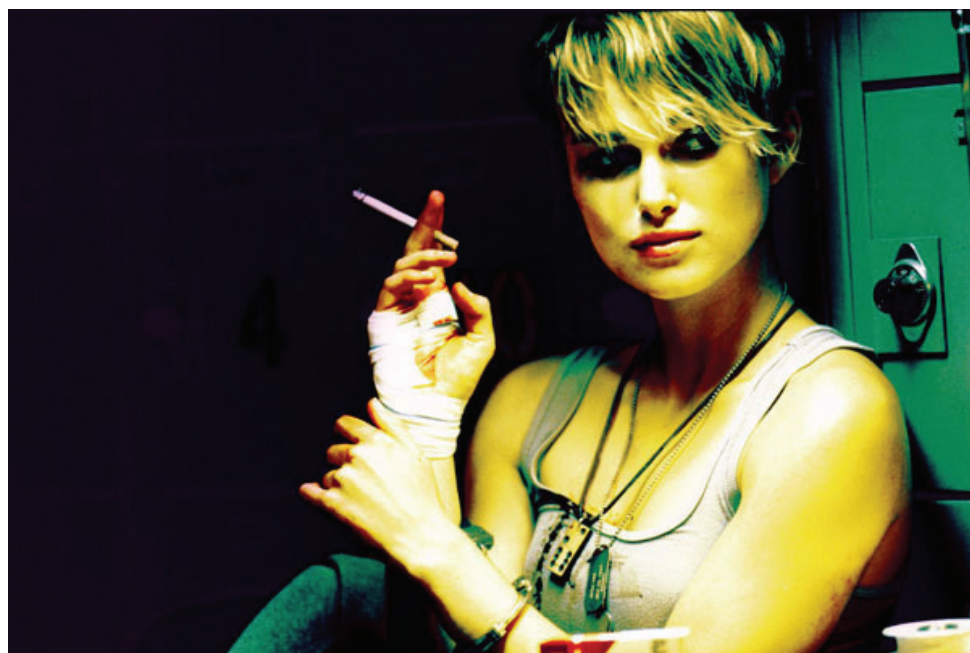
Just prior to introducing Christopher Walken's character, he is described as having "the attention span of a ferret on crystal meth." Of course, this is a bit of an inside joke between the filmmakers and the audience as it's also the perfect description of the film itself and a joke that should have been left unsaid, as anyone who has made it this far into Domino probably has lost the energy required to laugh.

This is not to say the movie is horrible. As a matter-of-fact, the film is perfectly suited to its star, Keira Knightly. Knightly has become world-renowned following her role in Pirates of the Caribbean, for being quite nice to look at, yet making her natural

British accent seem less than convincing. Similarly, Domino is all gloss and flash with no depth or even the slightest hint realism attached.

The real Domino Harvey, a Beverly Hills starlet turned bounty hunter, led a truly fascinating life cut short by drug-addiction. Of course the film, Domino, is as far from an accurate portrayal as could exist, with filmmakers choosing to make what could have been a fantastic story into a comic-book movie on speed.

So, is it worth seeing? Not for 8 bucks a head it's not, my advice is to stare directly into a strobe light from two feet away instead, it's a more thought-provoking activity, it probably costs less, and you can turn it off whenever you want. As for Domino, check it out when it hits DVD and save your retinas for something that you won't despise yourself for afterwards.



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## Kansas City Here We Come: Arena Football Team Coming to KC

Josh Nolen

Look out Kansas City, there is a new football team in town. Arena Football League Commissioner David Baker and the Board of Directors unanimously decided to allow Kansas City to have an expansion team for the 2006 season.

On Oct. 4, 2005 Kansas City became the new home of one of two new expansion teams for the 2006 AFL season. This expansion team is unlike any other team, because of the unfortunate events of Hurricane Katrina. The New Orleans VooDoo were left without a home. Kansas City will be the home to the expansion team and inherit 15 of the VooDoo's players who were under contract.

Commissioner Baker said the AFL is thrilled to be in Kansas City, because of the great football town it is. He also said bringing the team here is an exciting solution, because of the difficult situation created by Hurricane Katrina.

Tom Benson, New Orleans Saints and VooDoo owner, will retain the rights to the franchise, nickname and colors of the New Orleans club. The Kansas City expansion team is currently having a "name the team" contest to help give the team a nickname and colors.

The team is now owned by K.C. Arena Sports and Entertainment. The ownership group includes Tyler Prochnow and former Kansas City Chief's Defensive End and New Orleans native Neil Smith. K.C. Arena Sports and Entertainment, Prochnow and Smith paid the \$16 million expansion fee to allow Kansas City its first professional sports team for the Sprint Center.

Former Kansas City Chief's Defensive Back and New Orleans VooDoo Defensive Coordinator, Kevin Porter will be the head coach of the Kansas City team replacing head coach Mike Neu who will remain with the franchise. Porter previously coached in the AL2, the minor league system of the AFL.



Due to the difficulty in negotiations on a lease for the Sprint Center, the K.C. Arena Sports and Entertainment ownership group was originally unable to secure an AFL expansion team for the 2007 season. Because of the unusual circumstances they signed a two-year lease to play at Kemper

Arena until the Sprint Center opens in the fall of 2007.

Fifteen players including the league's all time leading passer, Quarterback Andy Kelly, will now be under contract for Kansas City at the start of the 2006 AFL season. These former VooDoo players will lead Kansas City in the hunt for the 2006

Bay Storm, and the Austin Wranglers are the four teams in Kansas City's division.

Founded in 1987, the AFL is known for its fast-paced plays, bone crushing hits, and high-scoring games. The smaller playing fields result in intense gameplay and nail-biting finishes. Some of the AFL team owners include former Denver Bronco quarterback John Elway and singer Jon Bon Jovi.

Teams consist of a 24 player roster. Twenty of those players are active during the game. In the AFL, teams play 8 vs. 8 on the field instead of the NFL where they play 11 vs. 11. The smaller roster allows players to play on both offense and defense.

Teams compete on artificial turf fields the size of a hockey rink. The field is smaller in length and width designed for high scoring, high speed games. Large nets mark the end of each end zone. On a kickoff the ball can be kicked into the net and be returned by a player from the opposing team. The field goals are decreased in width to make kicking extra points and field goals a challenge. The sidelines are walls that allow players to make crushing tackles, bringing the action into the first few rows.

The first couple of rows will cost you around \$100 a seat. The average ticket price is in the mid-twenties. In fact, the cheapest seats in the house will be around \$9. The team has already received 1,192 deposits for season tickets.

For more information on tickets go to the team website [www.arenafootballkc.com](http://www.arenafootballkc.com) or call 1-800-223-5813.

Arena Bowl XX championship.

Kansas City is one of 18 teams beginning its 16-game regular season in January 2006. The team will compete in the Southern Division of the National Conference. The Georgia Force, Orlando Predators, Tampa

## Early Shockers in the NFL

Chadd Rivera

This NFL season has been full of shockers, injuries, disappointments and it's only seven weeks into the season. Teams with high expectations are staggering behind, while other teams are climbing up the ladder faster than expected. Some players are great and others are far from it. No matter what the shock is, this season cannot be called anything, but unexpected.

The Superbowl champs from a year ago have not started out like they wanted. After losing two games all of last year, the New England Patriots have already matched that total just four weeks into the season. After week seven they now are 3-3. Three key losses to the San Diego Chargers, Carolina Panthers and the Denver Broncos hurt their chances for the repeat performance. Along with their slide in wins the Patriots have also lost another key starter on their defense. Rodney Harrison, who some consider the heart and sole of the defense is out for the season, once again depleting

their defense down to backups, the Patriots are going to have to pull a rabbit out of their hat. The catalyst to their season may be Teddy Bruschi, who looks to come back in week eight from a stroke that sidelined him after the Pro Bowl. Like we have learned in years past, do not count out the Patriots just yet.

The Green Bay Packers are another disappointing team. Following a 10-6 season and winning the NFC north title, they have started the season 1-5. Green Bay looked like a team rejuvenated after a late run in the Monday night loss to the Carolina Panthers. They bounced back from that loss with an impressive win the next week; however I would not look for them to make a playoff run this year.

The Tampa Bay Buccaneers may be the biggest shock in this early season. Last year the Buccaneers went 5-11, placing last in their division. This year they start out with an impressive record of 5-1 allowing only 72 points this season, second lowest

in the NFC. Tampa Bay's key to success may be their star rookie Carnell "Cadillac" Williams. Williams is currently eighth in the NFL in rushing after missing two straight games. He may run away with the rookie of the year honors and carry his team to a division title and deep in the playoffs.

This season has brought a lot of flops and heroes. Daunte Culpepper may be the biggest bust so far this season, throwing a NFL leading 12 interceptions and only 6 touchdowns. Not to mention Culpepper leading his team to a 2-4 record.

Jamal Lewis has been nothing but disappointing in his performance year. He has something to prove after being in prison at the end of last season. Lewis has rushed for 326 yards on 113 carries, which comes out to a 2.9 yard average.

In a big surprise, neither Terrell Owens nor Randy Moss are sitting in the top five in receiving yards, currently Torrey Holt and Santana Moss are sitting one and two.

Carson Palmer is starting to live up to the hype that preceded his tenure in Cincinnati, breaking into the top five in passing, completing 164 passes for 1800 yards and 13 TD's.

A surprise this season is the Indianapolis Colts with their undefeated record going into week seven. Their revamped defense is overshadowing their offense this year. Although Peyton Manning and his offense are off to a slow start, look for them to dominate teams in the second half of the season.

With the first half of the season almost completed, it is hard to predict who is going to advance to the Superbowl and which teams will spoil others' chances of making there. No matter what the outcome of this season, it looks to pan out to be a good one. For all you NFL fans enjoy the season, and as for you with fantasy football teams, keep number crunching.



# Hockey Is Back and Who Cares?

Chadd Rivera  
Staff Writer

The NHL is back, but who really cares? This past year in sports was great. I did not have to worry about turning on ESPN and seeing 12 guys skating around on a patch of ice for seemingly no reason. Sportscenter did not have to waste half a show covering a game with player's names they cannot even pronounce.

Frankly, less hockey means more time for football and basketball on TV, which for most Americans, is what they want anyways, and apparently ESPN agrees.

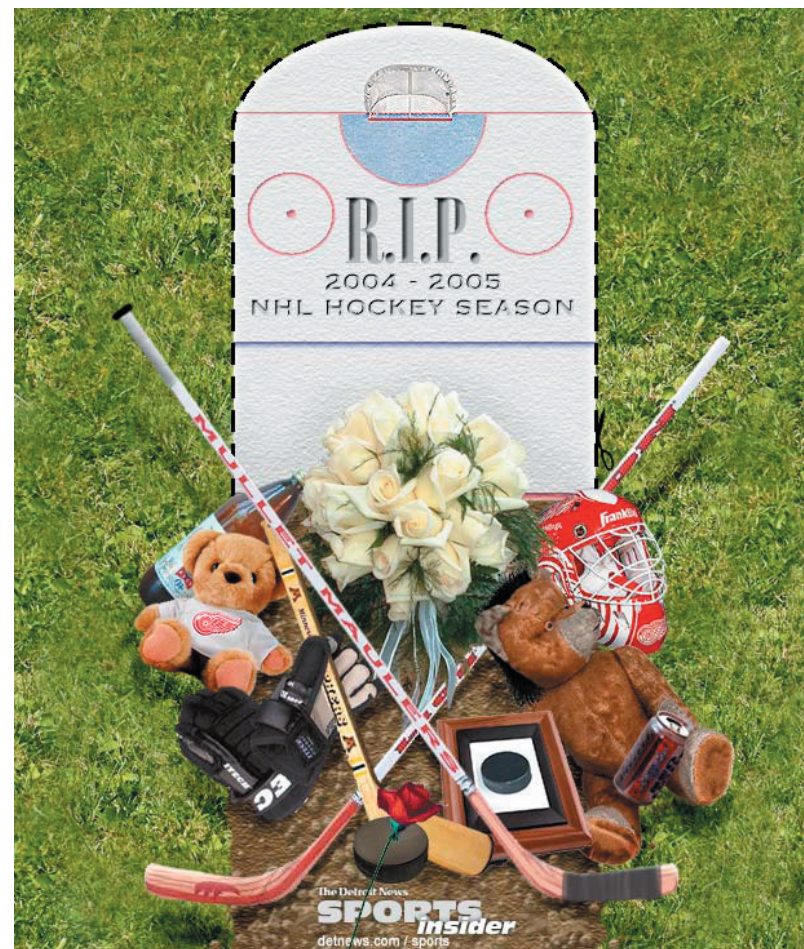
ESPN has dropped all rights of covering the NHL this year. In a result of this, the NHL will now be seen on the Outdoor Life Network (OLN), which I have never heard of before writing this article. On the days hockey is not aired, the OLN has shows like, Best and Worst of Tred Bratha, sounds like the NHL is a perfect fit for the OLN.

I am not trying to give the sport a bad name. Hockey players are incredible

athletes, great skaters and have excellent skills, along with impeccable hand eye coordination. But is there a point to what they do? In football hitting is the name of the game. Hitting makes or breaks a play. When they hit in hockey there is no point.

Football has four quarters in a game, soccer has two half's in a game. Hockey for no other reason then to annoy me, has three periods. Why do the players need two breaks? Most other sports have one break and they get two in between three periods.

I am not telling you not to watch the NHL this year but I will suggest it. All I am trying to say is there are better things you could be watching such as football, basketball, baseball and heck, even watching paint dry. Hockey was gone for a whole season and no one even noticed, so why watch it now? If you like hockey, then by all means continue to watch it. That is if you can find the channel.



## A New and Improved NHL, Not!

Zac Choate

Dust off the Stanley Cup because hockey is back. Many things have definitely changed since the Tampa Bay Lightning won the Stanley Cup back in June, 2004.

The National Hockey League is making new changes to improve the league and make it more enjoyable to watch. The lockout was caused by disputes about a salary cap which the NHL and the player's union both agreed on.

Many new rule changes will affect the NHL throughout this season, and the league hopes for the best. The NHL hopes each new rule change will bring more excitement to the game and make it more enjoyable for the loyal hockey fans and the ones they lost because of the lockout.

This year the red line will be taken out of the game. There will be no two-line passing calls; therefore there will be more out-numbered fast break scoring opportunities. The NHL thought there was not enough scoring during the game. They figured with this new rule change more opportunities will be likely.

More scoring is what it is all about. Fans do enjoy a classic 2-1 low scoring game every once in awhile but they want to see action and more goal scoring excitement. Seeing high scoring will definitely bring fans something to cheer about.

To keep the game going with a flow, the referees have been told to tighten up on penalties. There will be no more holding and obstructing calls (it is about time) because anytime a referee sees it, he will blow his whistle. The idea is to open up the game so that skill isn't impeded by hooking and holding.

Many people who followed the NHL in the past have heard this far too often, but the referees are going to make sure

this rule is intact this year. Basically, the league's top scorers can show off their talent, which leads to more scoring.

Another plus is defenseman will no longer be allowed to chop at their opponents in front of their own net. The referees have been instructed that, the tactic of punishing the player in front of the net with continuous cross-checking will be removed from the game. This means less bone crunching hits up against the glass. Again, another great move from the NHL.

The last notable and exciting rule change is the shootout. Ties are no longer in the NHL, but the thrilling five minute, four versus four overtime will still be played. If no one scores after the five minutes, they will go straight to a 3 man shootout. This is definitely where you get to see the stars shine on the ice. I think the shootout rule was a complete must, because it takes away the ties and no one wants to see a tie.

Another exciting thing that happened to the NHL was when the free-agent market opened in August. Players switched teams like never before, and it was hard to keep up with each player's new home. As a result, fans are now seeing Peter Forsberg in Philadelphia, Paul Kariya in Nashville, and Brett Hull in Phoenix along with new head coach, Wayne Gretzky. Just to name a few.

Along with these players a new era in hockey has shifted with Sidney Crosby coming into the league. This 18-year-old, Pittsburgh Penguin has been labeled the next Wayne Gretzky.

Hockey is definitely back on track and for the best. This year hockey will try to make itself one of the greatest sports alive once again.

## Sports Blurbs

### Sports Teams Blurbs

#### Men's BBall

"We have a lot more talent then in the past couple of years. We are going to be tough and competitive."

-Eric Reeves, Junior, Center.

#### Women's BBall

"We have been working hard and running a lot during practices. We are excited and ready to play games against other teams."

-Kate McClung, Junior, Forward.

#### Men's Soccer

"We had a young team this year. We didn't meet our expectations that we set for ourselves at the beginning of the season."

-Tim Goldstine, Senior

#### Women's Soccer

"The team started off slow but we are clicking well with each other now. We are looking forward to winning the last couple of games in the season."

-Dana Ford, Junior, Defense



#### Cheer

"Although we are not healthy at the moment, the girls have kept their heads on straight. They have positive attitudes and are working hard."

-Coach Jason Sack

#### Women's VBall

"This has been a tough year. We are still growing, but the team is battling with their opponents."

-Coach Fred Wagner

#### Dance

"The season is going great so far and we all get along well with each other. We are currently practicing four days a week and preparing our national qualifying tape."

-Katy Singleton, Junior

#### Softball

"The Fall season went well. We've played some tough teams and are looking forward to playing in the spring."

-Terra Nichols, junior



**FOOTBALL**

11/5 Lindenwood 1:00<sub>pm</sub>  
 Kansas City, MO---Rockhurst H.S.  
 11/12 Benedictine 1:00<sub>pm</sub>  
 Atchison, KS

**WOMEN'S VOLLEYBALL**

11/1 Missouri Valley 7:00<sub>pm</sub>  
 Avila University  
 11/5-12 HAAC Post-Season TBA

11/15-19 Region V Tournament TBA

11/30-12/3 NAIA National TBA

**MEN'S BASKETBALL**

11/4-5 Grace University Classic TBA  
 Omaha, NE  
 11/8 McPherson College 7:00<sub>pm</sub>  
 Salina, KS  
 11/11 Messenger College 7:30<sub>pm</sub>  
 Avila University  
 11/14 Haskell Indian Nation U 7:00<sub>pm</sub>  
 Lawrence, KS  
 11/17 Evangel University 7:30<sub>pm</sub>  
 Avila University  
 10/2 Lindenwood University 4:00<sub>pm</sub>  
 St. Charles, MO  
 11/9 Kansas Wesleyan 7:30<sub>pm</sub>  
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 11/28 Ottawa University 7:30<sub>pm</sub>  
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# Fall Fever Means Bow Hunting

Chris Campbell  
 Staff Writer

Days are shorter, the air is cooler, and the leaves are making their yearly transformation into the red . Once again fall is here and native Missourians love every minute of it, at least deer hunters do. The Missouri archery season kicked off on September 15th. The October woods are perfect for those who enjoy chasing whitetail deer with bow and arrow. Nothing quite beats watching the sunrise and sunset from a deer stand. To relax in nature is something that some Avila students enjoy experiencing. The cold gusts of air and the tunes sang by the birds is enough to put one asleep.

"I like the rustic feeling bow hunting offers, that's how people use to survive," junior Skylar McKeen said. Bow hunting has been around for generations and we need to keep it that way. Every year anti-hunting groups do their best to take away hunter's rights. One anti-hunting group is PETA, People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals. Each year they make their presence known in hunting fields, legislatures, and courtrooms in Missouri and across the United States. This group as well as other anti-hunting groups claim that hunting is inhumane; their goal is to abolish the sport. Some of you here at Avila might be anti-hunting and if you

are like the rest of them you are probably whining that hunters are murderers. What you do not understand is if deer numbers are not kept in check they will die due to starvation or disease.

As avid deer hunters our goal is to help maintain the deer herd. Kansas City has so many deer, every day deer are being misplaced because houses and businesses are being built. If it wasn't for deer hunters even more drivers would have additional accidents. Well, the good news is that many Avila students support and enjoy hunting, especially archery hunting. Avila has bow hunters from Arizona, Iowa, Colorado, Kansas, Missouri and other states. "Bow hunting is a noble pursuit because it levels the playing field for the hunter and the prey," sophomore Chris McNair said.

Most deer hunters do not hunt for the kill, but to experience the outdoors firsthand. A respectable hunter will always take the meat for himself or another after the deer is harvested. The Missouri Conservation Department accepts donations of deer meat; these donations are given to the needy and less fortunate. If you have time this fall get out in the woods and enjoy the great sport of bow hunting, you will not regret you did.



# The Greatest Time of Year!

Catlin Stephenson

The first few weeks of October are arguably the best time of year for sports fans. Many basketball fans would argue that March Madness is tops, but there are a few reasons why this October is truly the greatest. Consider the action: historic NCAA football rivalries, the MLB season coming to a close and the World Series beginning, and after a year in street shoes, the NHL will return to the ice. During October NFL fans start to see which teams are pretenders and which are contenders. NBA preseason begins, and it's homecomings at all levels of football. And, of course, college basketball gets underway with Midnight Madness.

This October has been packed with plenty of excitement. Many historic college meetings have already passed, including Texas and Oklahoma with Texas beating a crumbling Oklahoma team and coming away with a much-needed victory. Michigan and Michigan St. played, with Michigan squeaking by with a victory. And Notre Dame and USC met, with USC scoring the winning touchdown with seven seconds left. This game has been called by some one of the greatest ever played. Not bad for a rivalry that was at one time considered the most overrated in college football. Some big football schools like Auburn, Alabama, and Ohio St. wait until the last game of the year to play their biggest rival, but with games like Notre Dame-USC to tide us over, it's easy to wait.

For the first time in far too long the New York Yankees were not a World Series contender, eliminated in the first round of the division playoffs. Reminiscent of last year's historic Boston Red Sox run, the Chicago White Sox cinched the American League pennant for the first time in 46 years and are now battling the Houston Astros for the championship.

The NFL has brought us a few surprises. How 'bout them Cowboys! Somehow the Dallas Cowboys have pulled ahead in the NFC East over the Philadelphia Eagles. It's amazing what a good coach can do. Equally interesting is that the Green Bay Packers are sputtering, raising the question of whether quarterback great Brett Favre still has it. Also, the two-time defending champion New England Patriots are second in the AFC East. Throughout the year, they have shown they are vulnerable especially when they suffered an embarrassing loss to the Chargers. The Kansas City Chiefs are second in their division as well and have shown some improvement while the rest of the AFC West is struggling.

Wherever you turn, there's great action in October.



## Crash movie review

Harold Cade

I am a black male living in America. The black male often becomes a statistic in this country. How do we get past this battle? When will the struggle end? I believe Socrates said it the best "To live is to suffer." When will the African America dream finally be a prophecy and come true? I understand my circumstances and my position in society especially as it relates to my life expectancy. Scarily, with all the advances of medical technology, the anticipated life span for a black male is only sixty-five years. What can you achieve in thirty years? What goals can pursue? My college coach once told me, "Giving up is the easiest thing to do." He told me to fight, and I took what he said as motivation, and now use it as ammunition in this battle I call life. No, I do not believe that every white person in this world is racist, but I firmly believe the system we live under is certainly tilted against the black male.



The word on our block is to keep it real! Well s@#!\*! ..... keepin' it real means the majority of blacks don't get to go to college and stay back home, on the corner, or the block – and what's their outcome.

Quite a number of young black men fall into the trappings of crime and wind up in those institutional holding pins, called jails and prisons while many others work the proverbial sometimes confining 9 to 5 j-o-b! Now, most of the people who get jobs in my neighborhood find that the money they make is usually not even enough to take care of the bills. Many women in my neighborhood are dependent on the government to make ends meet and to support the household because daddy is in jail or either has abandoned them and become a rolling stone. Why do we continue to let this happen? Where is our social justice? How come in lower income schools we support DARE programs and wear "Don't Use Drugs" T-shirts and then hear arguments to make weed legal on the street? Why

don't we make "Go To College" T-shirts and wear them in our troubled schools? We contradict ourselves we teach kids not to do drugs when many argue loudly to make it legal. We need to inspire our kids so that they will understand that if you do make a mistake to not get down on yourself and to keep reaching to the top and for God's sake - don't get frustrated and give up.

More black judges are now on TV for the black viewers which support the belief that the system will and can work for them. I was introduced to racism at an early age, never understanding the real reason that I couldn't walk home from the barbershop, and not be harassed by police officers patrolling. I have been thrown on the ground and searched for no apparent reason. Perseverance is holding on when everything looks dark and gloomy and seeing the light on the other side. Growing up as a black man, I understand why the war we fight is like a fire being spread across a forest, with gasoline to help the fire burn faster and hotter. Only we can put the fire out by educating our selves and pursuing and doing good in society.

In life, it is easy for us to see the worst in each other. We all know jealousy, rage, and hatred are in all people. In the movie Crash, I saw several stereotypes that we assume about all cultures of people. Racial

profiling was a theme in the movie and I really flashed-back to the pressures of home in the scene when two white policemen pulled over a black couple and harassed them actually to the point of molesting the women in front of her husband - all because they happened to be riding in a nice car in a nice area, at night. This movie has a unique twist to it, because it shows later how the same cop who molested the black women winds up rescuing her from a car fire after an accident and saves her life. What irony. The movie also gave me insights on how black men from the 60's like Bobby Seal and Huey Newton would speak out about racism through their poetry and writings.

Yes, the movie crash made me take a good look at my life and made me aware that the color line still exists on today. But it also showed me a better way to get my point across. I truly believe in the end we all black, brown, red, yellow, and white will have to come together in order to progressively take the next steps towards a better future. I understand also that the slave market did not stop. People of all different cultures are facing some of the same things that African Americans faced but under a new millennium system. Ultimately, though the real imprisonment is in the mind!

## Kansas City Murders

Kenny Jackson  
Staff Writer

Living in Kansas City has always had its advantages. A nice small city atmosphere that has all the perks of living comfortably with an average income and still having the great attractions like the Chiefs, the Plaza, Westport, great Universities, and so on. Although all these great things are in Kansas City, all of this thrives in the shadows of the crime rates that seem to be steadily rising.

We've all heard the news. We've all been touched or have known someone who has been affected by the terrible crime that is destroying Kansas City. It seems to be an outright war going on in the streets of Kansas City, Kansas and Missouri. The homicide rate has began to be an even bigger concern as it looks like it is going to be one of the worst years in recent history with reported homicides.

As of publication there have been over 100 homicides, all by mid-October. That's more than all of 2004, which peaked at 91, and is closing in on the figures of 1994, one of the worst years in K.C.'s past -- and these account for the Missouri side alone.

I have had friends fall victim of the senseless crimes and I know people who

deal with losing family members over the dumbest things. People are dying in the streets everyday and all the people that I know that have lost a family member in these violent crimes have not gotten any justice. The police never seem to have enough evidence.

If the system is set up to just let these killers go, then the rate is going to keep rising. These people know that they won't go to jail but for a short time, and when the evidence doesn't come together they go right back in the streets doing the same things they were doing before. It seems as though the police department doesn't care enough and they are just setting these communities up for failure. They don't offer any type of witness protection for people who would come forward as witnesses, so if anyone ever did have the perfect evidence, they would probably end up as another victim before they set foot on the witness stand.

Kansas City is trying to fight back with various stands against violence in different communities, but if they don't have the support of the police departments and the rest of the system, there's no point. Where there is no justice, there is no peace. And until these people do time for the murders that are committed every day, it's not going to end anytime soon.

## Max Rants! Student Senate

Max Thompson  
Max Rant

I think there should be more vending machines on campus. Well, not really, but if I did, what would I do about it? In the real world if I want results I go to my local congressman or senator. At Avila, if I need anything, logic tells me that I should talk to the Student Senate. Believe me, I would love to sit down with student senate – that is if it would accomplish anything. However, it's likely that nothing would get done, and they would just sit around and talk about how great an idea it was, but they really don't have the authority to do it, or the means, or the leverage. The meeting would start enthusiastically and end in disappointment, and from what some senators tell me, that's how the average meeting plays out. It's not their fault, it's how the system works at pretty much every institution that exists today.

Inevitably, the powers that be create a panel or group of those below them to represent the rest of underlings, and speak on their behalf. This helps reduce the chances of the large group of underlings uprising against the small group of higher-ups.

The students don't get to make the big decisions because they are incapable and would probably run the institution into the ground. I'll agree with this sentiment, and understand the implications of a student-run college. However, I don't believe this means the students shouldn't get a legitimate voice. The problem is the student

senate isn't legitimate to begin with. It's in place to give the students a voice, and once they exercise their right to free speech and nothing actually gets accomplished, they can at least say they stirred up a little commotion. At least they tried.

They do try to serve the students. They put suggestion boxes all around campus, asking for the students to let them know what was needed. Those boxes were either kicked around as mock soccer balls, or were stuffed with comments like "Make abortions free for all students." I asked one significant member of the group if she was upset that I questioned the organization's worth.

"Not really, it's just a waste of time," she added, "All we ever do is talk about what we're going to get done and then we adjourn with a resolution that the idea just couldn't happen."

I respect the students that take the time out of their schedules to partake in the senate as officers, and I understand why they may feel the organization is necessary. The harsh reality is that they have no say in what will change at our campus. They are there to give the effort, and perhaps support an idea the administration has. They are the Fredo Corleone of Avila's planning family, just believe they are important and stay out of the way. If I hadn't heard such dismay from so many officers, I may be inclined to believe something was getting accomplished at the meetings. Oh wait, that's right, the administration's agenda and silencing of the student body has been going off without a hitch.



## The Idiosyncratic Routine of a Girl Named George: An Unexpected Offer

Roman calls on a Thursday afternoon. I am laying poolside in a rather pathetic attempt to get a tan. I don't know what it is about being pale in the summer that makes me feel like an inferior life form, but every year I crisp myself until I can't walk at least once.

"What are your plans for the rest of the year?" Roman asks.

I assume he's speaking in a non-committal way, wondering whether or not I am going back to school or if I'm ever going to get a real job.

"Who knows," I tell him. "I'll probably end up at some community college, hanging out with the same old people, working at the leftist bookstore, and trying to find a good man."

"Would you like to spend the rest of the year in Italy with me?" He offers. This is certainly unexpected. For a moment I am silent. How do you respond to something like that?

"I was just thinking, if you don't have anything going on there, you might want to come here just to get away for awhile. And, of course, I'd pay for it. I just want you here. Nobody gets me like you do. I miss you."

I am even more shocked than I was at the original offer. "Come to Italy?" I ask. "What the hell would I do in Italy?"

"I don't know. You could work on your book." He's beginning to sound a little nervous.

"Work on my book? You want me to fly across the world to work on my book? Roman, I'm never going to write this thing, you should know that about me by now."

"You're right. It was a stupid thing to ask." He sighs, sounding defeated.

"No, that's not it." I am searching for the right words here. "You just caught me by surprise. I mean, going to Italy for three months is a pretty big deal. I'm just reacting poorly. Hold on. Ask me again."

"Would you like to spend the rest of the year in Italy?" He repeats.

I take a deep breath. "That sounds like an incredible offer. Let me think about it." We both chuckle a little.

"Seriously," Roman starts. "I want you to come to Italy. I'm lonely here and you make sense to me. I'd pay for everything. We'd have the house just outside Tuscany. We could even get an apartment in Rome or Venice if you want. I just want you to be here."

"Let me think about it," I say. "But it does sound great." How couldn't it? A free three month vacation to Italy with one of my best guy friends, a way out of Kansas City to clear my head for awhile, it sounded terrific. Roman and I hang up when I see Marilynne approaching. I don't say anything about Italy to her, instead I spend the rest of the afternoon imagining it in my head.



## Vibe Music Award Nominations

Reginald King, Michael Johnson, Harold Cade

If you are into hip hop, and R & B then the Vibe music awards is something that all urban music fans are sure to love. The nominees for the awards were announced on October 11, and the artist leading the pack with the most nominations are Ciara, Mariah Carey, Kanye West, and John Legend. The third annual Vibe Music awards will air on UPN, Tuesday November 15 presented by Vibe Magazine and UPN. All of the hottest artist and celebrities will be there to represent the hip hop community. There will also be live performances and award presentations done by world known artists, hip hop moguls, and the top fashion, television, and sports personalities.

There will also be a new twist of excitement added to the awards this year. With the addition of three new categories to represent otherwise unrecognized talent including Best Rapper, honoring the MC with the most dynamic lyrics and style; VIBE VIXEN, recognizing a woman whose personae influences urban culture; and Vstyle, is awarded to the fashion collection most desired by urban trendsetters. Other categories also include R&B Voice of the year, Next Award, Coolest Callabo, Street Anthem, Powerbroker of the Year, Club Banger, Reelest Video, Hottest Hook, Video Goddess, The Boomshot Award (honoring excellence in Caribbean music), Best R&B Song, Best Group, Album of the Year, and Artist of the Year Award.

To gain eligibility for the artist work to be nominated it must have been released between the months of October 2004 and September 2005. The nominations were chosen by the VIBE editorial staff, and headed by Editor-in-Chief Mimi Valdes. Music journalists and regional tastemakers are the people voting the winners in each category and the results will be announced at the upcoming VIBE awards.

Up for the Best rapper of the year award is 50 Cent, Kanye West, Ludacris, T.I., and The Game. There had been a lot of controversy over how the artists have been chosen. Most fans still do not know how the artist are chosen and are upset with the

result of the nominees especially in this category. Albert Ingram stated that "you cannot win an award off of how many records you sell because people buy 50 Cent records that really do not listen to rap music. Anyone can make a bubble gum hit record like Candy Shop that is really commercial and sell a lot of record but that does not make you a great artist."

Another category that caused a lot of debate is the Club Banger. The songs that are up for this category is 1 Thing by Amerie, Bring Em Out by T.I., Can I Have Like That by Pharell ft. Gwen Stefani, So Seductive by Tony Yayo ft. 50 Cent and Wait by the Ying Yang Twins. Tavan Sills an average club hopper states that "the only songs that actually gets the club going are Bring Em Out by T.I. and So Seductive by Tony Yayo." The people who nominate these songs have probably never been in the club before. In New York we definitely do not bump Gwen Stefani in the club none the less considers her music as a club banger.

The Next Award is up for grabs with artist such as Daddy Yankee, Keyshia Cole, Mike Jones, Paul Wall, and Young Jeezy. Chris Allen states that all of these artist have been holding their work down and selling numerous records for upcoming artist but he had to give to edge to Young Jeezy. He anticipates watching the awards in order to find out who will win this category.

There has been a lot of gossip about the awards concerning how the artists have been chosen and what kind of performances will be performed at the VIBE awards. No one really knows what the entertainment industry has in store for us because every year there is always more surprises and non stop gossip to come. Every time you have that many artist in the building there is something bound to happen worth watching. For fans who do not agree with the choices made by music journalist and the head people at VIBE magazine there is a Viewer's Choice award where the fans have a direct say so in which artist deserves an award. With the anticipation of the awards building up there is sure to be a lot of excitement that all hip hop and urban music fans surely would not want to miss!!

## Vibe Award Picks

### Reginald King's Picks

1. R & B Voice of the year- Fantasia
2. Best Rapper- Kanye West
3. Next Award- Young Jeezy
4. Coolest Callabo- Soilder by Destineys Child and Lil Wayne
5. Street Anthem- Dem Boyz by Boyz In Da Hood

Michael Johnson

1. R&B voice of the year -Fantasia
2. Best Rapper -The Game
3. Next Award -Mike Jones
4. Coolest Collaboration -Soldier, by Destiny's Child, featuring T.I & Lil Wayne
5. Street Anthem -U Don't Know Me, by TI

### Harold's Picks

1. Best R&B Fantasia
2. Best rapper 50 cent
3. Coolest Collado Gold Digger Kanye west
4. Street Anthhem Dem Boyz
5. Power Broker of the year Jermaine Dupri

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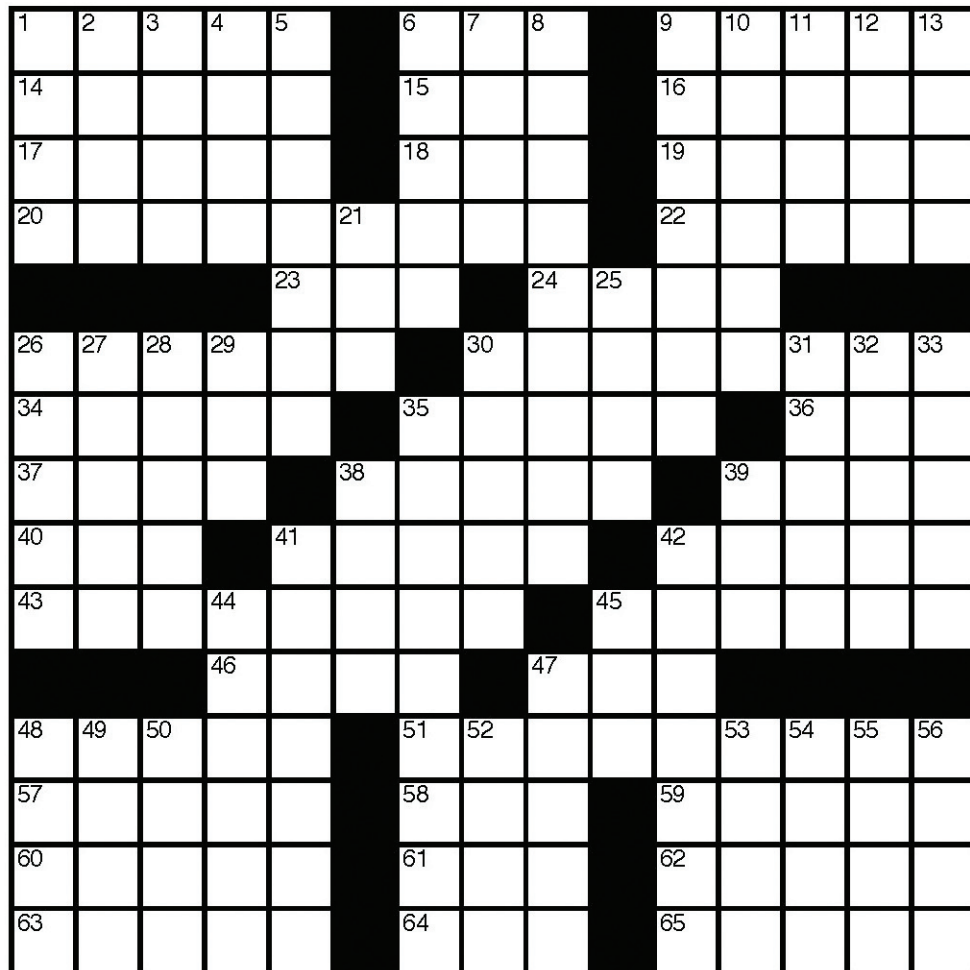
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6. Taxi
9. Praise
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15. Retirement savings vehicle
16. Accustom
17. Lend one of these
18. Spasm
19. Trick partner
20. Tail end
22. Cottonseed containers
23. Used to own
24. Close off
26. Depth measurement
30. Small telescope
34. German sub
35. Pesky insects
36. Not he
37. Emporium
38. Victual
39. Dick and Jane's dog
40. Immature newt
41. Exploits
42. Mutsuhito
43. Secretive
45. Nicotinic acid
46. Visage
47. Not hers
48. Soft palate pendant
51. Manicurist's tools
57. Mathematical term
58. Publicity
59. Optimal
60. Vassal
61. Enemy
62. Rent
63. Totaled
64. Finish
65. Type of seal



## DOWN

1. Jones of *The View*
2. List of offerings
3. Thing
4. Trick
5. Hearing distance
6. Quoted
7. Solo
8. Ball motion
9. Soldier packs
10. Open
11. Contest
12. Type of test
13. Groups
21. Beret
25. Looked
26. Raged
27. Toward the stern
28. Rich cake
29. # 21 Down, e.g.
30. Grayish
31. Clear jelly
32. Japanese partition
33. Inset
35. Seafood utensil
38. Reject
39. Ocean
41. Sore winner did this
42. Store incorrectly
44. Affirm
45. None
47. Climbed
48. Calif. university
49. Null
50. Type of car
52. By and by
53. Thought
54. Shakespearian king
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## IT'S IN THE BAG!



The Talon is (not so secretly) watching for those special message bags. Don't be surprised to see yours in the next issue....

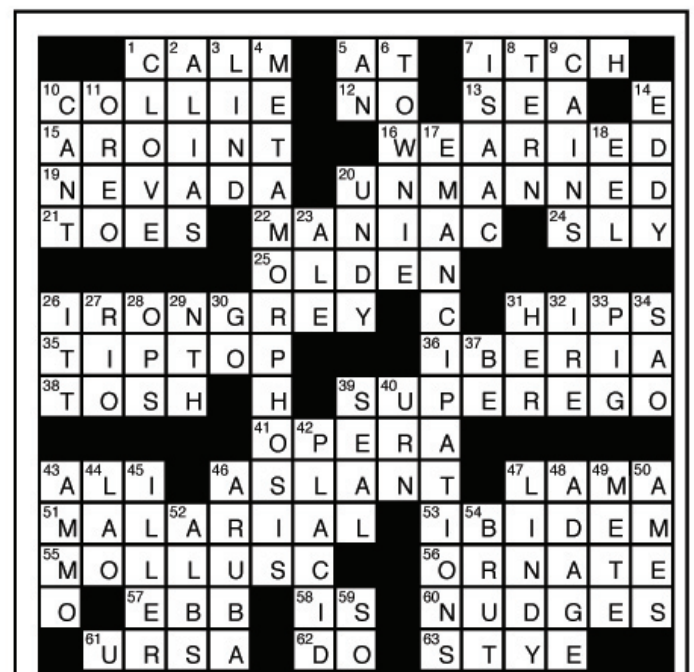
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**Here are the answers to the last issues crossword puzzle. Here are two new puzzles for you to wrap your mind around. If these are too easy for you, you can immediately check your answers on the website [thetalon-network.com](http://thetalon-network.com)**

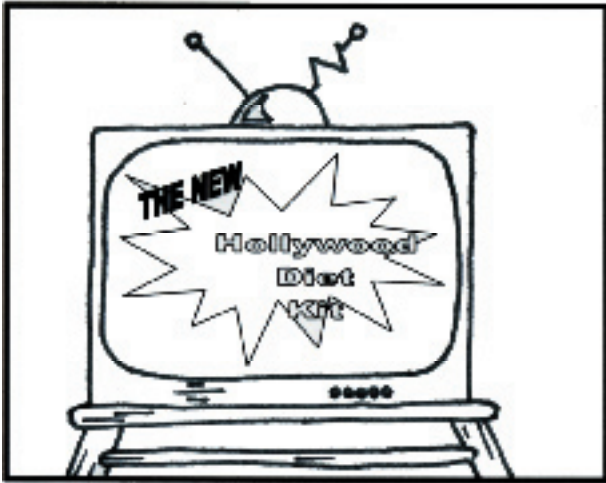
## Haunted Halloween

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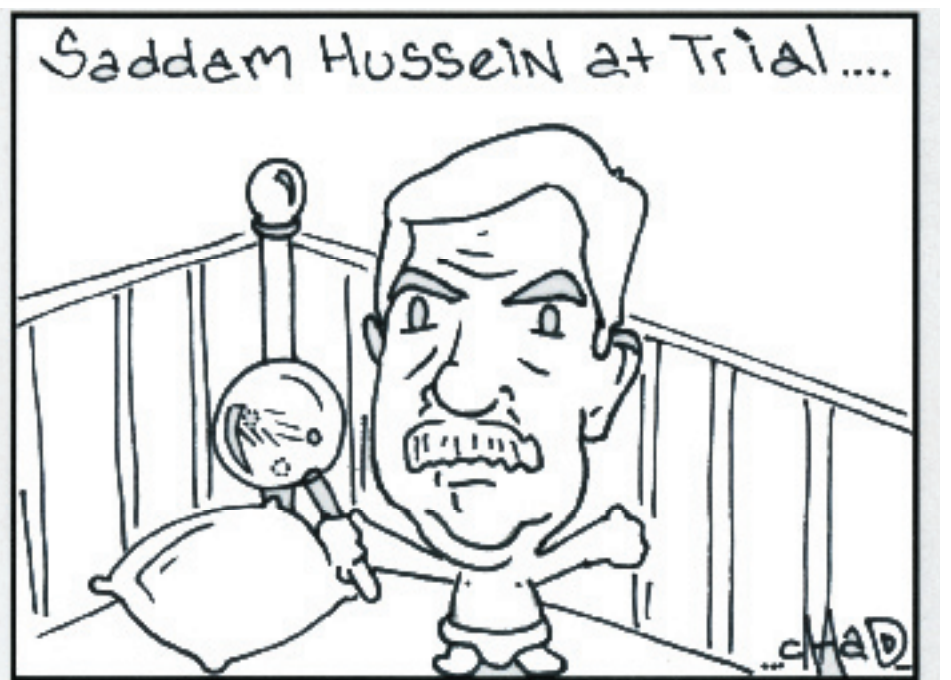
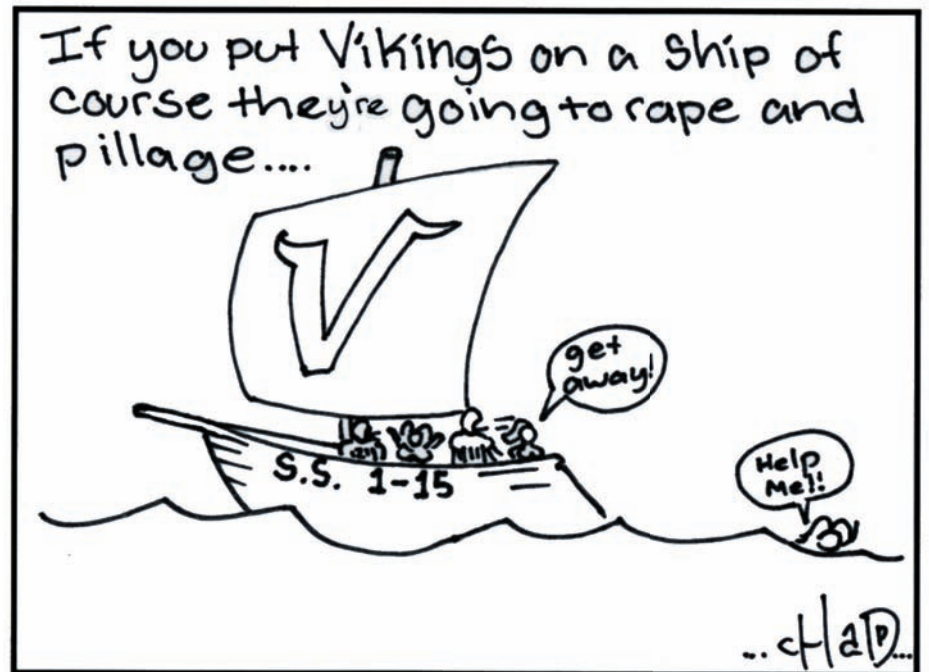
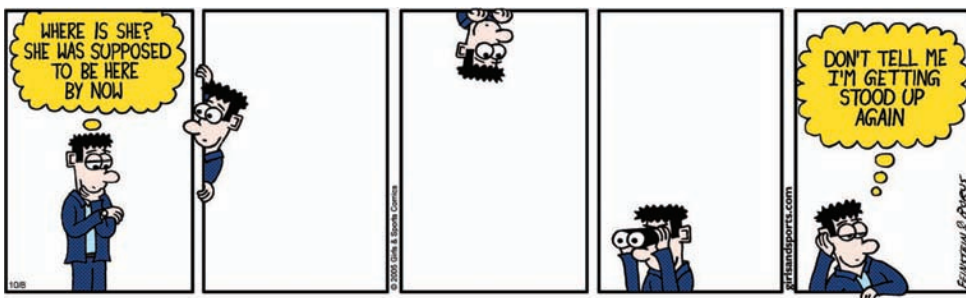
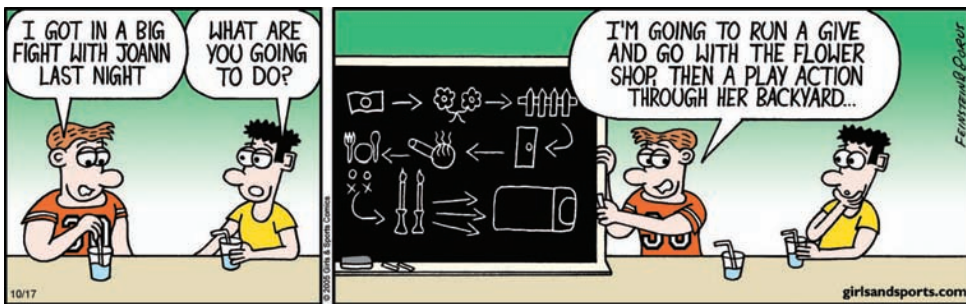






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it a shot!  
Put your  
observation  
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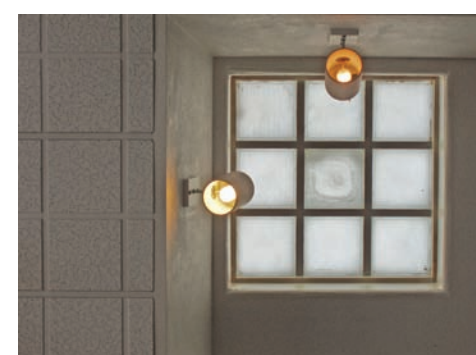
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Our talented photographer is batting 3-1 so this time he decided to up the challenge. Find the 12 changes in the picture below. E-mail them to [talon-news-network@excite.com](mailto:talon-news-network@excite.com), the first correct entry will win a 256 Mb flash drive and a leather backpack.



Way to be Theresa Gleeson for guessing the mystery picture in the last issue of the Talon. Stand tall and feel proud. Enjoy that 256 Jump Drive. It pays to look up!





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**OCTOBER 30 - NOVEMBER 4**

High School Invitational Art  
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**NOVEMBER 5**

All about Avila Day

**NOVEMBER 8**

Kappa Delta Pi/Avila Education Ass.  
Student Teaching Workshop  
Borserine Room 423  
4:30 - 5:45pm

**NOVEMBER 11**

Missouri Undergraduate Research  
Conference Psychology  
Thornhill Gallery Reception 5-8pm  
Eric Bashor

**NOVEMBER 14 - 18**

Kappa Delta Pi/Psi Chi AEA  
Week of Giving

**NOVEMBER 15**

Keil Hileman,  
2004 Kansas Teacher of the Year  
O'Reilly Hall Room 101-102  
3:00 - 4:00pm

**NOVEMBER 17 - 20**

Goppert Theatre presents:  
As You Like It